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THE RELIEF OF A STARVING CITY.

EASILY WON VICTORY.

Communist Rabble Run When Troops Appear.

ANTI-RED LABOUR UNIONS HELP GOVERNMENT FORCES.

Brought almost to the verge of starvation, Canton's populace was delivered yesterday—not a moment too soon—from the Red evil which had descended suddenly on the city and remained for about two and a half days.

The evil remains. There is not the slightest doubt that the loyal troops won the day with comparative ease but the greater majority of the Communist rabble have escaped and withdrawn to hide their time again.

With very few troops at its disposal, the Canton Government is only following up the pursuit half-heartedly and risings elsewhere may yet have to be dealt with.

Following the exposure in yesterday's "China Mail" of attempts by Communist agents to seduce workers in Hong Kong, vigilance has been maintained by the Criminal Investigation Department and a number of suspects are detained.

VIGILANCE IN HONG KONG.

That the turn in the struggle would come yesterday and the city recaptured from the Reds by last night was confidently predicted by correspondents in yesterday's issue of the "China Mail."

No quarter was given to the Red hordes by the regular troops whenever captures were made.

The fact that the Ironsides are still engaged in war with the Kwangsi military faction mitigates against their making a serious drive on the Communists. Once they are back in control, the anxiety to get at grips eases off.

Kongmoon "Safe."

The "China Mail's" political correspondent learns from a well-informed source that the Communists did not succeed in risings in provincial towns such as Shekki and Kongmoon.

Reassuring intelligence has been received from Kongmoon and is recorded elsewhere on this page. At the most, agitators have influenced the seamen of Hong Kong ships but the Ironsides remain in control.

The report from Shekki is not now credited although leaders of Peasant Corps are known to have been plotting against the Ironsides.

THE PURSUIT.

Suspected Quarters in the City Raided.

Latest reliable information from Canton is that the loyalists' campaign was prosecuted throughout the night but activities were confined mainly to the city and suburbs.

Meanwhile, the main strength of the 1,500 men in the "cadet brigade" of the 4th Army—which turned Red at the critical moment—has retreated out of Canton with considerable loot.

The Peasant Corps detachments have vanished and it is known that they were never at any time in the thick of the fighting.

This morning the Ironsides authorities were still raiding suspected quarters in the city, searching for ex-prisoners, labour suspects and agitators.

FOOD CRISIS.

People Almost on Verge of Starvation.

In the excitement of the last few days no reference has been made to the plight of the populace who were on the brink of starvation.

Armed Communists were dashing about the streets. Shops were closed and markets did no business. Food was not scarce but except for a few intrepid hawkers there was nothing to buy.

Some may have been able to hold out against a Red siege for a week or longer but the poorer classes were all caught unprepared and had no provisions whatever in their homes.

What with fleeing from incendiary fires and from robbers, very few gave a thought to eating but not a few were driven by hunger to donning the red sash and joining the rebels.

LALOR RELEASED.

Now Aboard British Gunboat.

QUITE CHEERFUL.

Result Of Missionary's Second Attempt.

Shanghai, Yesterday. A telegram from Shasi, announces that Captain Lalor was released at ten o'clock this evening and is now aboard H.M.S. "Bee." No details are given.—Reuter.

Official Confirmation. London, Yesterday. The Admiralty announces the release of Captain Lalor.—Reuter.

His Rescuer. London, Yesterday. The Admiralty announces the rescue of Captain Lalor has been effected by Mr. Tocher, and Lalor is now in the British gunboat "Bee."

The Rev. Forbes Tocher, who has thus been instrumental in saving Lalor's life, is a well-known missionary of the Church of Scotland. He went to Ichang in 1909 and is in charge of St. Andrew's school there. He gained the Military Cross as a chaplain during the war. It is his knowledge of the situation and the confidence reposed in him by the Chinese which have rendered his efforts successful.

AMATEUR PIRATES?

Steamer Fired at With Old Muskets.

ATTACKERS IN SAMPANS.

May Have Only Been Military Stragglers.

Reliable information was picked up on the waterfront last night that the Norwegian steamer "Gran" which cleared for Whampoa on Monday had wireless yesterday afternoon that she was fired upon by pirates when about an hour's steaming from Whampoa in the Canton River.

The wireless was picked up by several ships both on the river and in the neighbourhood of Lantau. According to the master of the "Gran" the pirates approached the ship in three boats and fired on the "Gran" with old fashioned muskets in which home made bullets were used. One bullet was stated to have passed within an inch of the Captain's head whilst he was on the bridge.

However, the pirates' attack was not successful, as later the "Gran" wireless that she had reached Whampoa safely.

Shipping people used to the river, whilst inclined to credit that the "Gran" was fired upon, were unanimous in discounting the pirate story. Opinion was evenly divided between two explanations. One was

KONGMOON TROUBLE

Hong Kong Steamer's Crew Walk Out.

CANTON COUP SEQUEL.

"San Nam Ho" Arrives With Scratch Crew.

The temporary reign of the Communists and other extremists in Canton has had its reflection in an increase of extremist agitation in Kongmoon where Labour Union officials, particularly those of the Seamen's Union branch, adopted a domineering attitude immediately news of the "success" of the coup was received.

Owners of gessels plying between Kongmoon and Hong Kong and other ports were written to on Saturday demanding a general increase in the wages of the crew, two days "grace" being given for compliance, failing which the withdrawal of the seamen was threatened.

A Threatening Note.

The Hong Kong-Wuchow boats affected were the "San Nam Ho" (which boat experienced trouble with the Kongmoon Seamen's Union last month) and "On Lee" which arrived in Kongmoon yesterday, no notice having been taken of the threats of the Union. A second notice was taken on board on the arrival of these

BRITISH CONCESSIONS.

IMPORTANT OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

"PASSING THE BUCK."

Government's Position As Ground Landlord.

LEASES TO BE SURRENDERED TO EXISTING LOT HOLDERS.

An interesting official document has just been published setting forth for the first time since the declaration of the British Foreign Office's policy towards China a year ago what steps it is proposed to take in regard to British Concessions in this country.

The document starts out by declaring that our position as ground landlords of important town areas in a foreign country is untenable, and deals with ways and means of returning land thus held under Concessional agreements.

The only way, adds the document, by which the Government can terminate its position as ground landlords and provide as far as possible for the continuance of the position as contemplated by the "original arrangement" is to surrender the remainder of the leases held by the Government to the existing lotholders without payment. This is to be done.

FREE GIFTS FOR LESSEES.

London, Yesterday.

A minute dated December 7 issued as a White Paper relating to Crown leases in British concessions in China, particularly Tientsin, Hankow, Kiukiang, Chinkiang, Amoy, and Canton, states the Government's occupation position as ground landlord in important town areas in a foreign country has long been recognised as an anomaly.

Such a position was now clearly incompatible with the declared policy of the British Government in China. Accordingly the Government on December 18 had announced it proposed in negotiation with Chinese authorities to modify the constitution of municipal administrations of these Concessions, involving the Government's abandonment of the position of ground landlord. The Government considered whether the purpose would be effectable by the outright sale of head leases to the present lotholders, which would have yielded £400,000.

"Convenience."

But the position of China prevents proceeding with the scheme of sale of the Government's reversionary interests without a guarantee of tenure, which would be wholly inconsistent with the Government's policy. Consequently it is the Government's duty to provide as far as possible for the continuance of the position contemplated by the original arrangement, the sole object of which was the convenience of British traders and residents in China.

The only method by which this could be done consistently with the termination of the position of the Government as ground landlord is to surrender the remainder of the leases held by the Government to the existing lotholders.

Assignments.

The minute concludes: "Sir Austen Chamberlain has informed their Lordships that as a condition of a satisfactory arrangement in each case with the Chinese authorities for the reconcession of the above-mentioned Concessions, it is essential to terminate the leases held by the Government to the existing lotholders."

minate the Government's ground landlordship there and in view of the impracticability of selling the reversionary interests, their Lordships approve the Secretary of State's proposal that the interests mentioned should be assigned to the existing lessees without payment, but subject to the condition that the lessees bear the expenses arising from the assignments."—Reuter.

FALLING WATERS.

PRETTY WINDOW DISPLAY AT WHITEAWAY'S.

HOW IS IT DONE?

The centre of attraction in Messrs. Whiteaway's elaborate and pleasing scheme of Christmas decoration is a real water fountain erected in the centre of the entrance lobby, in full view of those passing on the pavement outside.

The fountain consists of a large tub with a smaller one in the middle of it, and from the centre of the smaller tub, which is filled with earth, thin ribbons of varied coloured water—now purple, then yellow, white, green and red—turn up and fall back into the larger tub which is half full of water, on which, prettily little celluloid ducks float; whilst little gold fish swim contentedly under the clear surface of the water. Three pots of palms on tall stands inside the water complete a very pretty and well arranged scene.

The fountain scheme is very cunningly arranged and must have been very carefully thought out. Inside the larger tub one can see nothing but two tubes leading to the smaller tub, and the question as to how the fountain is worked remains a puzzle until one is let into the secret.

By the side of the larger tub is a small, almost noiseless electric motor which supply the power for forcing the water up, and also for revolving a disc of many coloured glass cleverly concealed in the centre of the smaller tub under which is a powerful magnifying glass like those used in magic lanterns, and this, backed by a strong electric lamp, throws up the coloured rays which make the water appear to change colour.

NAVAL SURGEON.

DEATH OF SURG. LT.-CMDR. J. J. CARROLL.

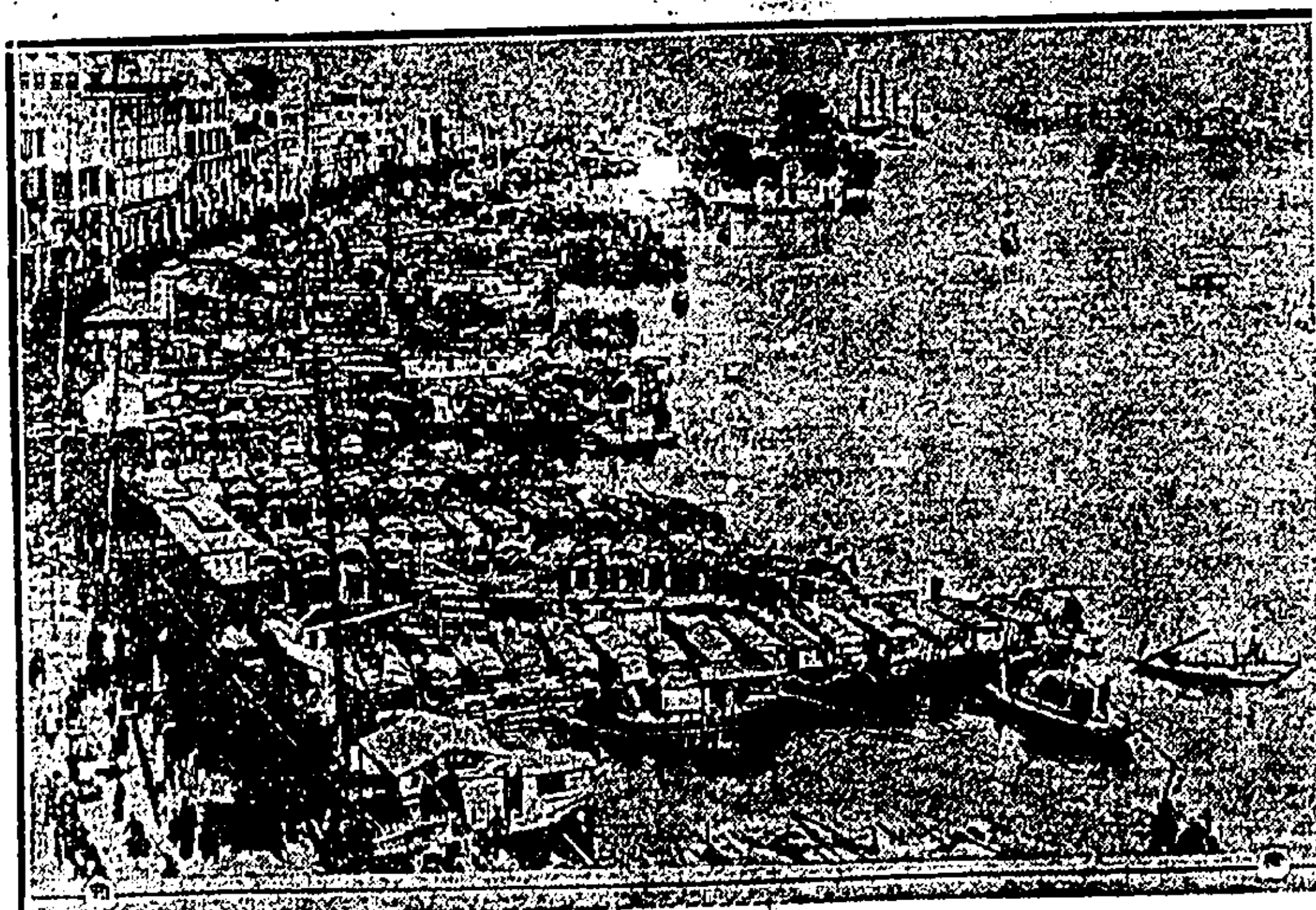
The death took place at the Naval Hospital this morning of Surgeon-Lieut.-Commander J. J. Carroll, M.B. of the Royal Naval Yard who six months ago took charge of the surgery department of the Royal Hong Kong Naval Yard.

Deceased was well-known and respected by the Dockyard staff and very popular amongst the Naval officers on the station. His funeral this afternoon, which passes the Monument at 5 p.m., will be largely attended.

SILK MOVEMENT.

Silk forwarded from here by the "Empress of Asia" on the 16th November arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on the 8th December having been 23 days in transit.

WHERE THE CANTON TROOPS FOUGHT THE REDS.



Bird's-eye view of the centre of Canton's bund, looking west to east. In the left upper corner are the tall buildings in which the Communists took shelter yesterday while the loyalist troops landed on the bund which, in normal times, (as shown in the photo) is crowded with small craft. In the centre background is Dutch Folly, an island in the Canton River.

Missionary's Efforts.

London, Yesterday. The Scottish missionary intermediary, Mr. Tocher, with a ransom for the release of Captain Lalor, left Shasi last night for the rendezvous arranged by the pirates, and it is hoped that Lalor's release has by now been effected.

General Yu, one of Yang Sen's subordinates, has one hundred bandits in custody in Shasi, but the gang who captured Lalor have removed from the North Bank of the Yangtze out of the jurisdiction of Yang Sen, who has been endeavouring to obtain the co-operation of the Kweichow commander controlling this area, in tracking them down.—British Wireless Service.

Loyal Chinese.

Shanghai, To-day. A message from Ichang says that Capt. Lalor is suffering from a bullet wound in the foot—but is otherwise cheerful and his condition is satisfactory. He is at present aboard H.M.S. "Bee." His release was effected through Mr. Tocher whose fearless determination and perseverance under the most difficult conditions is beyond praise. Mr. Tocher was loyally supported by two Chinese.—Reuter.

Wounded in Foot.

A naval wireless message from Ichang, the neighbourhood in which Captain Lalor of the China Navigation Co. "Siang Tan" was held to ransom following the pirating of the boat, states that the captured skipper was released at 9 p.m. yesterday through the agency of the missionary, the Rev. Forbes Tocher. Mr. Tocher was supported throughout the protracted negotiations which have now been brought to a successful conclusion by two Chinese.

The naval wireless message states "the fearless determination of Mr. Tocher in effecting the

that the "Gran" had been fired upon by military stragglers in the vicinity, and the other that probably the attackers were boat people who were hard pressed to make ends meet these days, and did not hesitate to turn to plunder to better their lot. Opinion was expressed that the attack was not made by "regular" pirates, as the procedure was too amateurish, it being considered practically hopeless to attempt to attack a steamer from sampans.

Attackers Outstripped. A naval message from Canton states that the s.s. "Gran" (flying the Norwegian flag), the agents for which in Hong Kong are the Yama-shita Kisen Kaisha Kaisha, reported yesterday having been fired on heavily from junk (presumed to be pirate junks) on the 2nd bar before Whampoa.

The "Gran" which is a tramp steamer of 1,983 tons gross and 1,162 net, cleared from Hong Kong for Whampoa on Sunday and left on Monday.

The ship was struck in several places but the "Gran" was able to outstrip the pirates without injury having been done to anyone on board.

release of Capt. Lalor is beyond praise." Mr. Tocher has risked his personal well-being and safety, if not his life, in conducting the negotiations and the greatest praise is due to him, and his two loyal attendants.

Captain Lalor's bullet wound, which was sustained at the time the pirates boarded the ship, is through the foot and, although the wound had not received medical attention prior to his release, the utmost is being done for it now on one of H.M. ships (H.M.S. "Bee") to which he was taken immediately prior to his release.

"Captain Lalor's condition is satisfactory," states the message, "and he is quite cheerful."

ships, indicating that unless demands were met the crew would be called off.

Neither of the Captains of the two steamers was in a position, if he wished, to comply with the demands and the notice was disregarded. At 4 p.m. the crews of the "On Lee" and "San Nam Ho" walked off, together with the pilots and quartermasters.

Scratch Crew's Success. On the "San Nam Ho" were left one engine room fireman, the second cook and the Captain's boy who remained loyal and certain of the passengers bound for Hong Kong indicated a knowledge of matters nautical. With the help of these and some harbour coolies engaged at the wharf, Captain Sparkes, together with his Chief Officer, Mr. Stoneway, and Chief Engineer, Mr. Houghton, was able to leave Kongmoon about 4.15 p.m. and the ship arrived in Hong Kong at 4 a.m. this morning, the trip only taking two hours longer than usual.

"On Lee" Remains. The "On Lee" was not so favourably placed, however, owing to the difficulty of getting sufficient additional help. When the "San Nam Ho" left Kongmoon, the Master of the "On Lee" (Captain Fernandez), was of opinion that he might be able to leave by night but as the ship had not arrived in Hong Kong this morning, it is to be assumed that he was obliged to remain at Kongmoon.

Naval Warning Issued. In the meantime, news of the trouble at Kongmoon with the Seamen's Union had been wireless to Hong Kong and the Naval authorities issued advice to all ships about to leave yesterday afternoon and evening for Kongmoon that they would be better advised not to undertake the trip.

In consequence of this message, the Kongmoon boats, "Tai

Lee" and "Wing On" did not leave the wharf at Hong Kong. The "Anjou" had already sailed but on arriving at Whampoa and ascertaining from the "San Nam Ho" that there was trouble, also observing the absence on the run of the other ships from Hong Kong, the skipper decided to return and the ship arrived back in Hong Kong early this morning.

Political Situation. Regarding the political situation at Kongmoon, the scare of the "Reds" having taken control of the city is incorrect, from reports received from masters of incoming ships from neighbouring districts. The "Ironsides" are still in control and are consolidating their forces.

It is stated that the "Ironsides" troops at Dosing had contemplated an attack on Wuchow but the "Red" coup in Canton deferred them from putting their plans into effect.

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DISGRUNTLED PASSENGERS.

A situation which might easily have developed more seriously was averted by tactful handling on the part of the Captain and the later arrival of the Police, on board the s.s. "Gorgistan" last night as she lay off Laichikok.

The "Gorgistan," which is owned by H. M. H. Nemaze, of Prince's Building, has been lying off Laichikok for five days with over six hundred steerage passengers on board who were taken on at Amoy and booked through to Singapore and Straits ports.

The "Gorgistan," however, on arrival in Hong Kong, was found to be required in dock for overhaul and the five days wait at Laichikok was necessitated in order that the steerage passengers could be transferred to the s.s. "Selatan" on arrival. The steerage passengers chafed under the delay and the feeling culminated in an ugly demonstration on board last night when the commander was threatened with hanging and a move was made to the European officers' quarters.

In response to wireless appeals for help Police launches with European, Indian and Chinese officers, were quickly on the scene. It was then found that the Captain had tactfully handled the situation and that the attitude of the passengers was more conciliatory.

As a matter of precaution, an armed guard was placed aboard for the night and police launches patrolled the vicinity. This morning, the disgruntled passengers were transferred aboard the "Selatan."

RIVER COLLISION.

"ANJOU"—"WING HUNG" MARINE INQUIRY.

A Marine Court of Inquiry will sit at the Harbour Office at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday, to inquire into the circumstances of the collision between s.s. "Anjou" and s.s. "Wing Hung" in the West River last week.

The composition of the Court is as follows:—Commandr. G. F. Hole, R.N., Harbour Master (President); Lieut. Commandr. Faulkner, H.M.S. "Argus"; Lieut. Commandr. T. Pritchard, R.N.R., master of s.s. "Tashan"; Capt. R. Dadds, master of s.s. "Achilles"; and Captain C. A. Mutton, master of s.s. "Wing On."

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THIS MORNING'S LIST.

El. Osu (4,405) British, from San Francisco, Yokohama, A. P. C.:—6,900 tons kerosene for Hong Kong, 2,000 tons kerosene (through).

Bendoran (2,587) British, from Singapore, Gibb, Livingston:—262 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 2,058 tons general (through).

Telemachus (1,340) British, from Saigon, W. Fat Sing:—72 passengers, 2,000 tons rice and general cargo for Hong Kong.

Kalyan (5,680) British, from London, Singapore, Mackinnon, Mackenzie:—49 passengers, 531 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 280 tons general (through).

Pook Sang (1,987) British, from Calcutta, Singapore, Jardine's:—523 passengers, 1,150 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,243 tons general (through).

Pres. Jackson (3,377) American, from Seattle, Shanghai, American Mail:—351 passengers, 3,000 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 3,000 tons general (through).

Hai Hong (1,267) British, from Foochow, Amoy, Douglas:—114 passengers, 500 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Hydrangea (561) British, from Swatow, Chiu On:—130 passengers, 132 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Kwong Sang (1,428) British, from Swatow, Jardine's:—350 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,690 tons general (through).

Hozan Maru (1,388) Japanese, from Keelung, Swatow, O. S. K.:—152 passengers, 500 tons coal and 431 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Haruna Maru (6,311) Japanese, from Middleborough, Singapore, N. Y. K.:—182 passengers, 627 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 6,112 tons general (through).

Kamakura Maru (3,624) Japanese, from Singapore, N. Y. K.:—516 passengers, 32 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,768 tons general (through).

Ceylon Maru (2,996) Japanese, from Calcutta, Singapore, N. Y. K.:—8 passengers, 597 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,651 tons general (through).

Atlas Maru (4,511) Japanese, from Singapore, O. S. K.:—244 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 7,325 tons general (through).

Sanjin Maru (1,507) Japanese, from Keelung, M. B. K.:—2,021 tons coal for Hong Kong, 1,100 tons coal (through).

Yuen Jeng (906) Chinese, from Saigon, Yuen Seng Fat:—11 passengers, 1,700 tons rice for Hong Kong.

Shui Hing (114) Chinese, from Macao, Hoo Hing:—35 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Pres. Pierce (3,393) American, from Dollar Line:—75 passengers, 110 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,770 tons general (through).

Departures.

For Autau:—Tak Hing.
 For Swatow:—Hellas, Chak Sang, Hai Yang, Hai Ching.

For Canton:—Chusan, Kwai Sang.
 For Singapore:—Diomed, Helye-zan Maru.

For Whampoa:—Mao Lee Gran.
 For K. C. Wan:—Wing Wo.

For Saigon:—Prosper, Elkrige, Pheumphen.
 For Macao:—Shui Hing.

For Shanghai:—Pres. Pierce, Carmula, Haruna Maru.
 For Calcutta:—Ichio Maru.

For Taingtao:—Toyo Maru No. 1.
 For Takao:—Bendoran.
 For Manila:—El. Osu.

Clearances.

For Chenwangtao:—Atlantic.
 For Swatow:—Chinhua.

Shipping Abstracts.

	Arrivals.	Departures.	Port.
British	8	10	27
Japanese	6	4	7
Norwegian	0	3	2
Chinese	2	4	15
American	2	2	1
Panama	0	0	1
Swedish	0	0	1
Serbian	0	0	1
Dutch	0	0	1
Portuguese	0	0	2
	18	28	63

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships and auxiliaries were in harbour this morning:—

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "CALULU"

From Australian Ports, etc.

THE above-mentioned vessel having arrived from the above-mentioned Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that they must take immediate delivery of same from alongside, and all cargo impeding discharge will be landed at their risk and expense into the Godown and stored at Consignees' risk.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.
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Hong Kong, 14th December, 1927.

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M.V. "REMO"

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 14th inst., will be subject to rent.

All claims against the vessel must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 24th inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th inst., at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
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All claims must be sent in to me on or before FRIDAY, the 16th instant, or they will not be recognized.

DAMAGED PACKAGES will be examined by the Company's Surveyor, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10 a.m. on TUESDAY, the 18th December, 1927.

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MANILA MARU Saturday, 31st December.	
BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.	
BORNEO MARU Saturday, 24th December.	
SHUNKO MARU Tuesday, 3rd January.	
KASADO MARU Friday, 6th January.	
DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.	
MEXICO MARU Thursday, 5th January.	
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.	
BINGO MARU Friday, 23rd December.	
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Japan Ports.	
ALABAMA MARU (From Shanghai) Wednesday, 21st December.	
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MENADO MARU Tuesday, 20th December, 10 a.m.	
TAIKWA MARU Tuesday, 3rd Jan., 10 a.m.	
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JAPAN PORTS	
SUMATRA MARU Thursday, 15th December.	
KOHSHUN MARU Tuesday, 20th December.	
KEELUNG Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
HOZAN MARU Sunday, 18th Dec., 11 a.m.	
TAIKWA MARU Wednesday, 21st Dec., 10 a.m.	
TAKAO Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
DELI MARU Thursday, 15th Dec., 10 a.m.	
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KASHGAR	9,005	24th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MOREA	10,053	7th Jan.	Marseilles & London
KALYAN	9,144	21st Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DEVANHA	8,155	21st Jan.	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,985	4th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KHYBER	9,114	18th Feb.	Marseilles & London
MACEDONIA	11,120	3rd Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
* KHIVA	9,136	10th Mar.	Marseilles & London
KASHMIR	9,128	24th Mar.	Marseilles & London
KARMA	10,946	31st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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KALYAN	9,144	14th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TAKLIWA	7,936	21st Dec.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
DEVANHA	8,155	24th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DELTA	8,097	1st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MALWA	10,985	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
* NELORE	6,853	14th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHYBER	9,114	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHIVA	9,136	28th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,959	11th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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KASHGAR	9,005	12th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KARMA	10,946	27th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	11th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
MACEDONIA	11,120	25th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama

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S.S. "MACHAON"		Via Suez Canal	18th Dec.
S.S. "CITY OF LAHORE"		Via Suez Canal	27th Dec.
S.S. "CITY OF BEDFORD"		Via Suez Canal	28th Jan.
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S.S. "LYCAON"		Via Suez Canal	9th Mar.

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PRECAUTIONS TO AVOID MINES.

It has already been previously reported that mines have been laid in the West River off the island known as Chicken Basket Island and an official notification from the Commissioner of Customs at Wuchow has been posted at the Harbour office.

Masters of up-going, or in-coming steamers are warned that they must stop and communicate with the guard boat stationed in the vicinity which will provide safe piloting through the danger zone.

SANTO DOMINGO.

SAID TO BE SUITED FOR
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Construction of an open port in Santo Domingo, Ilocos Sur and appropriation of P300,000 to carry out the project, is strongly urged by the bureau of public works, it is learned on good authority by the "Philippines Herald." It was declared that Santo Domingo is considered by the bureau's engineer who was sent there to study the project to be one of the most ideal locations for an open port.

Director Williams, it is understood, thinks the annual appropriation made for the repair of the port of Aparri should be discouraged, and the money spent for the Ilocos Sur project instead. It was pointed out that the breakwater at Aparri is washed away almost every year by the floods and that the natural surroundings and location of Aparri make it unfit for an open port.

The proposed Santo Domingo port has the shape of a half moon, so that vessels anchoring in the port will be well protected from storms and waves. The water is so deep that large boats can dock. Santo Domingo is about 13 kilometres distant from Vigan, Ilocos Sur, and about 4 kilometres from San Ildefonso, where the provincial road goes through.

U.S. FLEET.

Washington, Dec. 2.
The United States battle fleet will be in Hawaiian waters during 1928, it was announced by the Navy Department to-day.

The fleet will leave San Francisco on April 18, arriving at the Hawaiian Islands on May 1 and remaining until June 18, when it will return to San Francisco.—United Press.

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Tiau via Swatow & Shai YATSHING		Sun., 25th Dec., at 7 a.m.
Tiau via Swatow & Shai YATSHING		Wed., 28th Dec., at 7 a.m.
Shanghai via Amoy	FOOKSANG	Fri., 16th Dec., at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	LAISANG	Thurs., 15th Dec., at 3 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Fri., 23rd Dec., at 3 p.m.
Kobe via Amoy, Moji & KUMSANG		Satur., 24th Dec., at 7 a.m.
Yokohama		
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, NAMSANG		Satur., 7th Jan., at 7 a.m.
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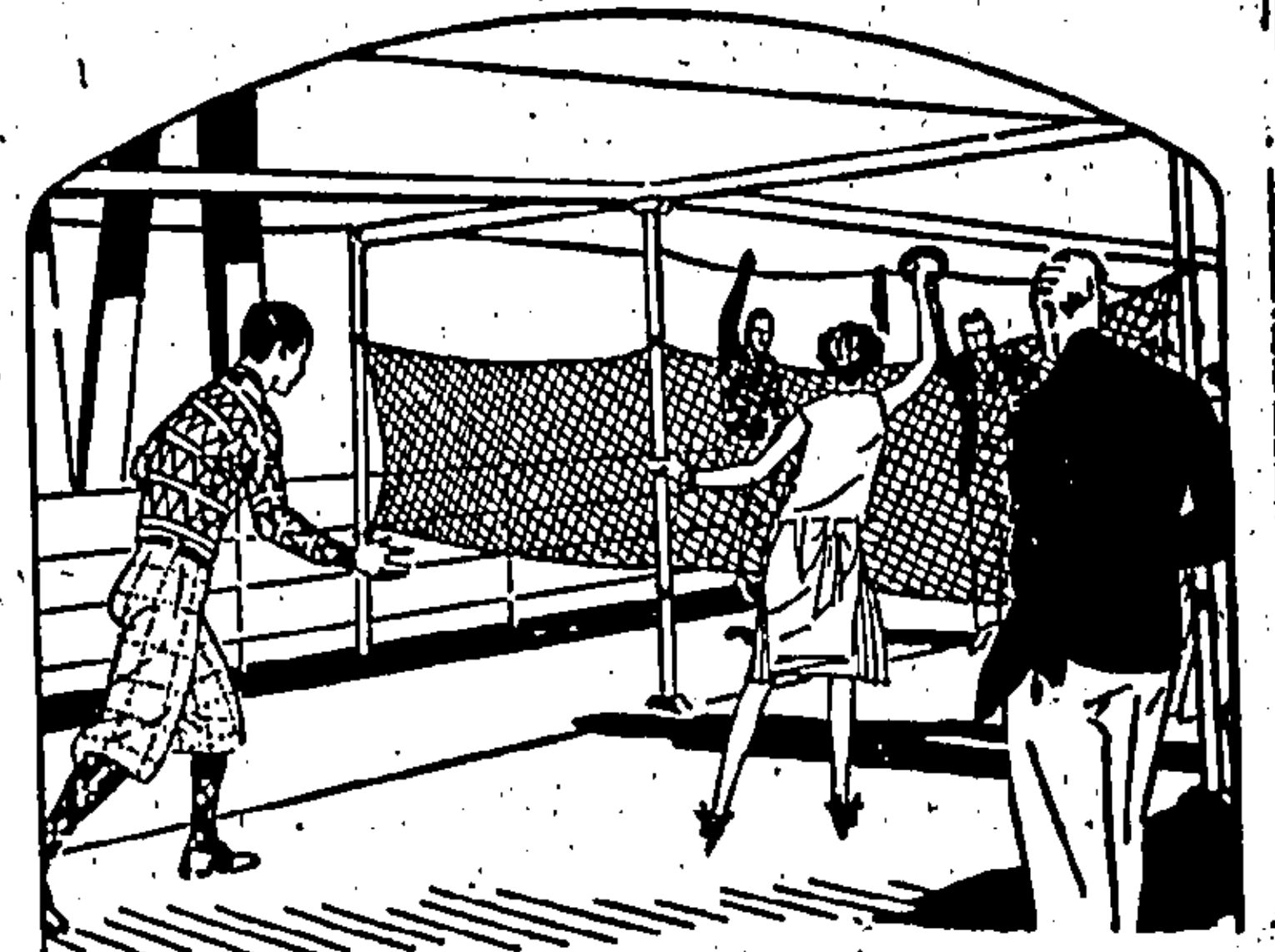
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Pres. Van Buren		Feb. 12th 8 a.m.
Pres. Hayes		Feb. 26th 8 a.m.

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Pres. Garfield		Dec. 18th 8 a.m.
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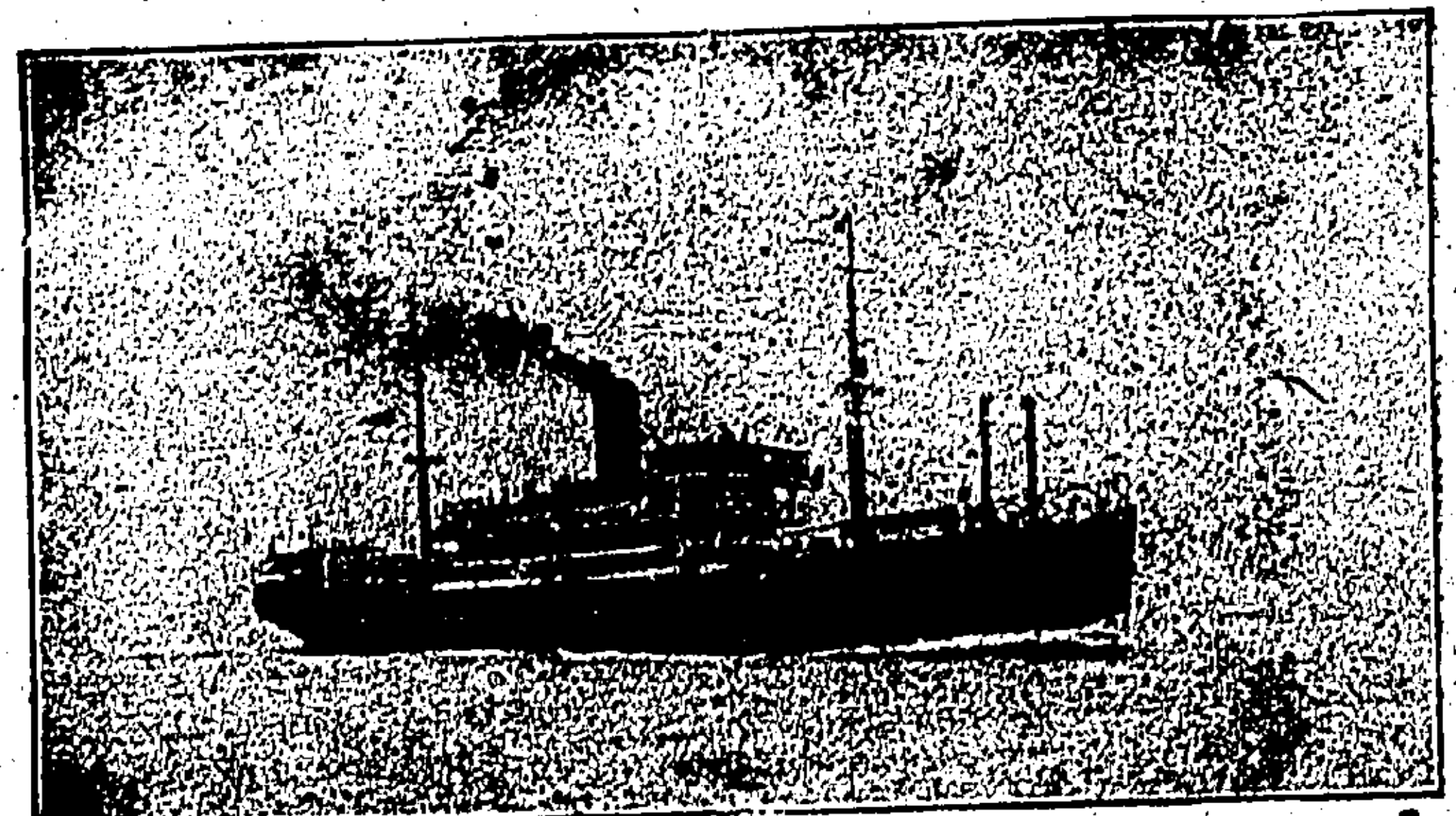
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pathy to them in their bereave-

ment. Also they are extreme-

ly grateful to those who

volunteered their service at

the cemetery.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1927.

A DUMPING GROUND.

For years before the war Great
Britain was the unhappy dumping
ground of hundreds of aliens of
questionable character who found
that the protection of the Union
Jack was worth a king's ransom.
The same has applied to Hong
Kong, and will continue to apply
with every recurrence of trouble
in Kwangtung. When peace and
order of a kind prevail in Canton
it is a grand place from which to
hurl epithets at the "hated Im-perialists" and to sow seeds of
sedition against the British. In
times of trouble a different story
has to be told. When the dogs
of civil war become unloosed and
are more ferocious than usual
then there is a frenzied rush to
the safe haven of Hong Kong.
Before the coup by the Reds on
Sunday relations between Canton
and Hong Kong were not exactly
of an ideal nature. There were
the smouldering embers of an
anti-British boycott. There was
trouble on some of the steamers.
There was much of an underhand
nature tending to militate not
only against trade and shipping
but against that spirit of amity
between the two great centres of
South China—a spirit that the
authorities here have done their
utmost to foster. Co-operation is
excellent in theory. But there
can be what might be termed one-
sided co-operation. One side canshow by word and by deed that
it is anxious for co-operation in
those matters that make for
friendliness and the furtherance
of mutual interests. The other
side, however, can contribute
only lip service—and sometimes
not even that—to the common
pool.This has been the experience of
Hong Kong within recent months.
Various incidents have occurred
to demonstrate the bona fides of
Hong Kong in seeking a perman-
ent restoration of friend-
ly relations with Canton. The
response from Canton
has been disappointing. Inimi-
cal movements have been
started in Canton and in other
ports of Kwangtung, but the
authorities in power for the time
being have not shown that celerity
desired in nipping them in the
bud and keeping the recalcitrant
elements in their proper place.The hesitancy of the Cantonese
authorities has not without reason
been construed as not merely
indifference but sympathy with
those who would like to place ob-
stacles in the way of Hong
Kong's trade. And yet, when a
fresh crisis arises there is an
exodus—not to any other part of
China, but to the Colony of Hong
Kong, the Colony against which
all the fulminations were aimed
and all the epithets hurled.When a man is comparatively safe
in Kwangtung he is content to
stay there. But let his head be
in danger, or his property burned
down before his eyes, and he very
promptly realises what a safe
place is Hong Kong with the
Union Jack proudly flying over
Government House. And the
same with those mixed up in poli-
tics and military affairs in
Kwangtung. So long as they are
succeeding Canton is good enough
for them, but once their schemes
go agley they inevitably find a
sure refuge in Hong Kong where
they can hatch in peace their
plans for further warlike out-
breaks in their native province.Apparently nothing can be done
to prevent this Colony being used
as the dumping ground of Can-
ton's refugees and mischief
makers whose presence throws
additional work and responsibility
on an under-staffed Police Force.
If we do not exactly welcome the
influx with open arms we at least
throw precious little obstacles in
the way of the political and mili-
tary plotters and extremists com-
ing here. Our anxiety to be "good
friends" with Canton is made to
cover a multitude of shortcomings
as regards searches and sur-
veillance of many whose room is
to be preferred to their company.

Looking at Life.

Life, it has been said, is an ad-
venture, but is it—or need it be—
the grim adventure some of us
make it? Our own attitude to-
wards it supplies the most impor-
tant part of the answer. Many
may we take as our guide, and all
give us different advice and show
us different example. None, how-
ever, we venture to think, could ex-
cel in helpfulness the message issued
by that well known traveller and
war correspondent, Sir Philip Gibbs.
He does not lay down any distinct
rules or strict conventions to which
we must adhere. He simply says
that in his judgment, after wander-
ing about the world a bit, reading
most of the great masters, and
grabbing at knowledge wherever he
could find it, the best way to look
at life is with a little humour, a
lot of pity, a ceaseless curiosity, a
love of beauty, and a sense of com-
radeship with all men, women and
beasts. Then, with a touch of cour-
age (hard to get) and a little secret
shrine of faith—not opened easily
to the passer-by but not locked
against friendly souls—a man or
woman, in his opinion, can face life
as not too grim in its adventure.
Unless, that is, he or she is mark-
ed out for martyrdom or a crown
of thorns in some battlefield or back
parlour. Without the necessity for
possessing sublime faith in our
kind, we may generally find that the
other fellow will come more than
half way to meet one in civility and
friendship and goodwill. Sir Philip
enlarges on his creed when he says
that he has discovered one's mo-
ments of ecstatic joy are when one
gets a good swipe over a net with
a tennis racket, or when one walks
through a wood so quiet that one
can hear a rabbit stir in the un-
dergrowth, or when one reads some-
thing in a book and says, "by gum,
that's true!" or when, just for a
moment or two in life, one forgets
oneself in some splendid passion
which has no selfishness.

CANTON DELIVERED.

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returned to their headquarters by
nightfall. Commander Chu Fai-
yat, the Police Commissioner was
busy reorganising his shattered
forces and sending out detectives
to round up stragglers.About a thousand "white" la-
bour unionists joined in the fray,
the majority being mechanics but
the number included some sea-
men.The tasking of clearing away
corpses from the streets only be-
gan in earnest this morning.

FIGHT IN SHACKLES.

Prisoner Values Loot Higher Than
Liberty.Of the 5,000 troops who defeat-
ed the Communists, very few
were real Ironsides. General Li
Fook-lum of Honam supplied the
majority of men and he remains
in power at Honam where he was
assisted by the militia in keeping
order.Helping to man a machine-gun
of the Red cadet brigade was a
prisoner—one of those released
from the jails—who still had
shackles round his ankles. It is
presumed that he gave more
thought to looting, when he had
been liberated, than to freeing
himself.

Extensive Damage.

Canton will need years to re-
cover fully from this setback.
Whole streets have been burn-
ed down and the loss in loot alone
must be considerable.A semi-official estimate is that
two hundred civilians lost their
lives and the casualties on both
sides of the fighting forces must
be heavy.Terrible atrocities were com-
mitted in the name of the Canton
Soviet and refugees in Hong Kong
are still speaking of them with
horror.

PRECAUTIONS HERE.

Alleged Communist Agents in
Detention.An unprecedented number of
police have been put on duty at
the steamboat wharves in Hong
Kong exercising minute precau-
tions against the possible entry of
Communists who, having looted to
their fill, are seeking sanctuary
down here.The Police are reticent as to
the number of men detained.Even though Canton has been
recaptured, vigilance has not
been relaxed.Efforts to spread Communist
literature in the Colony have fail-
ed and at least one man has been
arrested for possession.Many interesting tales have
been told of persons coming under
suspicion because they had valu-
ables and property which they
could not explain.

SAFE FOR SHIPS.

River Boats Can Use Wharves
Again.Canton, Yesterday.
With the regaining of control
of the City by the "Whites," the
situation is much easier and it is
now considered safe for river
steamers to go alongside the
wharves again.—British Naval
Wireless.

Samshui Quiet.

Samshui, Yesterday.
The situation here is quiet.—
British Naval Wireless.
[Note: Samshui is to the west
of Canton to which it is connected
by a short railway. It is held by
the Ironsides.]

AN EVACUATION.

British Vice-Consul's Part at
Tungshan.London, Yesterday.
Europeans have been rescued
from beyond the east suburb of
Canton as the result of a brilliant
dash made by the British Vice-
Consul, Mr. Hall, on H.M.S.
"Moorhen."The "Moorhen" was heavily
fired upon by the Communists
from the north bank of the Can-
ton River as it proceeded down
river. Eighty-one refugees were
brought away without casualty,
eleven being British, fifteen
American, and fifty-five German.

News of Success.

According to advice from Can-
ton, members of the Government
took refuge on the south bank of
the river which they still hold.
As they retain the naval craft
they control the river. They
have urgently recalled absent
troops of General Chang Fuh-
kuei from outlying districts and
forces of these troops delivered a
counter-attack against the Com-
munists this morning.A report is current that the city
has been re-taken but this lacks
confirmation.—British Wireless
Service.

"RED" WEEK-END.

News Gathered on Hong Kong
Waterfront.The exodus of refugees from
Canton continued up to yester-
day morning when another large
batch left the "Red"-ridden City
of Rams on the s.s. "Fatshan,"
which reached Hong Kong yester-
day afternoon with 1,600 first
class passengers besides a full
complement of passengers in
other classes.The rush to get away on the
"Fatshan" was due to all night
firing in Canton on Monday
night, but no one amongst the re-
fugees seemed to be clear as to
what the shooting was about, as
Canton appeared to be completely
in the clutches of the "Reds." Many
buildings in Canton were also
reported to have been in flames
on Monday night, but the
refugees were equally ignorant
as to who caused the fires. They
were positive, however, that the
outbreaks were the result of in-
cendiarism.

Tungshan Evacuated.

A report was also current in the
Colony after the "Fatshan's" ar-
rival yesterday afternoon, that Li
Fook-lum had yesterday morning
issued a proclamation that if the
Reds did not surrender he would
destroy Canton. H.M.S. "Taran-
tula" evacuated all foreigners
from Tungshan, the east end of
Canton, and they arrived in Hong
Kong on board the "Fatshan"
yesterday afternoon.Another report which was
made current after the "Fatshan"
arrived from Canton was that a
Japanese steamer had arrived in
Canton yesterday morning with
1,500 "Reds" on board. She
moored off Honam Spit, and did
not attempt to get alongside the
wharf because British, American
and French gunboats in Canton
waters threatened to sink the
"Reds." No confirmation of this
story could be obtained from
those arriving on the "Lungshan"
last night."Fatshan" passengers also
asserted that the hills at the back
of Macao Fort were crowded with
General Li Fook-lum's (Canton-
ese) troops, and a brush with the
Reds was imminent.

"Lungshan's" Arrival.

When the "Lungshan" arrived
from Canton at 9.20 last night,
there was an unusually large
crowd, both on and outside the
wharf, anxious to secure first
hand news of the latest happen-
ings in Canton.Speculation as to the success of
General Li Fook-lum's arms ran
high when it was seen that the
"Lungshan" had brought down a
normal complement of passengers
in all classes—the number arriv-
ing on this boat last night was
the same as the "Lungshan" or-
dinarily carried when things were
quiet in Canton.

Captain Interviewed.

A short interview with Captain
Madden of the "Lungshan" brought
welcome news that Gen-
eral Li Fook-lum had successfully
carried out his attack on the

\$11,000 CLAIM.

ACTION AGAINST SINCERE CO.
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JUDGE DISMISSES CASE.

Plaintiff again failed to appear
at the Supreme Court this morn-
ing in the case in which New
Koon-wah, of 14 Chung Ching
Street, sued the Sincere Company,
Ltd., 178 Des Voeux Road, Central,
for \$11,068 principal alleged to
have been deposited with de-
fendants, plus interest at the
rate of twenty cents per dem per
mille.At the first hearing, plaintiff
failed to appear and Mr. F. C.
Jenkin (counsel for defendants)
applied for the case to be struck
out of the Trial List, which ap-
plication His Lordship (Sir H. C.
Gollan) granted.
On plaintiff's failure to appear
this morning, service of notice of
trial was proved and His Lordship
granted Mr. Jenkin's application
for the dismissal of the case.Mr. R. E. Lindsell had three re-
turned banished before him at the
Central Magistracy this morning,
and his Worship meted out smart
punishment, one sentence of six
months and two of 12 months being
passed.Yesterday morning's proclama-
tion. Thousands of his troops
began crossing the river at cover-
ed points just before 1 p.m., and
by 2 o'clock the "Reds" had been
driven outside the West Gate.General Li Fook-lum's blow was
delivered so suddenly that the
"Reds" could offer but half-heart-
ed resistance. Only a few shots
were fired before the "Reds"
were driven out, and the loyalists'
recapture of Canton was stated to
have caused practically no dam-
age to the City, and there was cer-
tainly not the horrors of blood-
shed and incendiarism which at-
tended the "Red" coup on Sunday
morning last.Although it could not be said
that General Li Fook-lum's at-
tack was unexpected by the
"Reds" in view of his proclama-
tion of yesterday morning, the
"Reds" were totally unprepared to
meet the enemy when the blow
came.This can be explained by one
of two things. Either the "Reds"
did not take General Li Fook-
lum's threat seriously, or they did
not have the courage of fighting
his picked troops who were con-
centrated against them.The latter seems to be the cor-
rect explanation of the "Reds"
ungallant behaviour. They were
"brave" and ruthless enough when
they made their coup because they
knew then that they had the gar-
rison outnumbered, and their
chance of success was certain.
But when it came to making a
stand against an equal, not to
say superior, force, it was a dif-
ferent matter. They just ran, not
even stopping en route to indulge
in their favourite pastime of
burning a few houses!With the "Reds," "might is
right" and they were content to
hold Canton as long as they could
without endangering their own
skins, spreading terror and en-
riching themselves by looting as
long as they were allowed to re-
main unmolested.

City Now Quiet?

Everything was reported to be
quiet again in Canton with Gen-
eral Li Fook-lum's troops in pos-
session of the City when the
"Lungshan" left her wharf at
about 3 p.m. yesterday.Things are reported to be dif-
ferent, however, in Kongmoon.
There, according to a wireless
message received here yesterday
afternoon, the "Reds" had staged
a coup similar to the one in Can-
ton on Sunday, with all its horrors
and looting, and the "Reds" are
reported to be now in complete
possession of Kongmoon.

Kongmoon Happenings.

The crews of the Kongmoon
steamers "On Lee" and "San Nam
Ho" are stated to have been call-
ed off their ships and the vessels
were unable to sail at the
scheduled time. It is, of course,
impossible to get any connected
account of the happenings at
Kongmoon until either one or
both of the Kongmoon boats reach
Hong Kong.The information about the
coup in Kongmoon is reliable
enough, as the "Wing On" did not
sail from Hong Kong to Kong-
moon at her scheduled time (7
p.m.) last night. It was learned
from inquiries made on board
that the ship had received a
warning from the Admiralty not
to sail, so that although no reason
was forthcoming for the warning
not to sail, it appears that the
Admiralty had been in receipt of
some information which made it
advisable to issue the warning.
This, of course, lends colour to
the "Red" coup story which came
from two reliable sources.
The night boat from Canton

THE ART CLUB.

SUCCESSFUL OPENING THIS MORNING.

157 EXHIBITS.

The Art Club exhibition opened on the fourth floor of Pedder Building at 10 o'clock this morning and will continue until to-morrow.

When a "China Mail" representative visited the exhibition this morning, there was quite a good number of art lovers present to admire the various exhibits. The attendance was quite an encouraging one for the organisers of the exhibition, considering that the exhibition was opened during office hours.

There were altogether 157 exhibits contributed by 21 exhibitors, and amongst the exhibits—fine examples of the painter's art—were some outstanding ones which reflected great credit on their exhibitors. Many of the exhibits are offered for sale at very reasonable prices ranging from \$10 to \$120 and \$200 for the more desirable ones.

Local Views.

Mrs. Aubrey had eleven exhibits, all of which had their particular appeal, but those which struck one most with their artistic make up were two scenes entitled "A Peak Garden," another entitled "From the Peak," and a fourth which is given in the catalogue as "View—Hong Kong." Mrs. Aubrey's other exhibits were "Tai-po," "Rocks Below Felix Villas," "High West," "Hydrangeas," and "Kowloon Peak from Wongneichong Gap." Besides the two "A Peak Garden" pictures mentioned above, there were two others with the same title.

The most appealing of Dr. H. Balen's six exhibits were "Hydrangeas," "Macao—evening," and "Harbour Study." The others were "Praya Grande, Macao," "Shek-o," and "Figure Sketches."

Mrs. Balen hung up ten pictures: "Hydrangeas and Stools," "Junks," "Garden Path" (pretty), "Typhoon Sunset" (good), "Mats—Repulse Bay," "Rocks—Repulse Bay," "View—Repulse Bay," "Islands—towards Cheung Chau," "Macao by Night," and "Shady Garden Scene," the last named three were very effectively coloured and appealing.

Of Mrs. E. M. Barrett's eight exhibits, two were priced at \$150 and \$200 respectively, and they were very desirable oil paintings one entitled "August and the other 'The Avenue St. Cloud.' Mrs. Barrett's other pictures were "Roofs of Florence—Sunset," three "Pencil Studies—from life," "Ponte Vecchio—Florence, 7 a.m.," and "Old Houses on the Arno—Florence."

Mrs. C. B. Brown had 12 pictures in the exhibition the prettiest of which were "The Hunchback, Tai-po," "Sunset over Lantau," and "Palms." Others: "Lantau from Mt. Kellett," "Satin," "Hydrangeas," "Sunset—Mt. Kellett," "A Peak Garden," "A Grey Day," "Evening," "Kowloon Peak from Wongneichong Gap" and "Garden—Mt. Kellett."

Two very well done pictures were exhibited by Miss Buckwell. They were given in the catalogue as "Overlooking Deep Water Bay and Club house," and "From a model of a Kuliang woman and son."

Mrs. S. Gubbay specialised in flowers and exhibited the following pictures: "Water Lilies," "Geraniums," "Iris" (good), "Sunflowers," "Roses," (very pretty) and "Hydrangeas."

Of Miss Harry's three fine pictures, "A Roadside—Hong Kong" was the best liked. Others: "The Infant Thames—Ashstead Keynes" and "The Bathing Beach—Repulse Bay."

Water Colours.

Twelve pictures were exhibited by Mr. J. H. Hunt as follows: "Decorations," "Nature's Pageantry" (good), "A Neptunian Fancy" (good), "Morning Prayer," "Temple at Cheung Chau" (good), "Cheung Chau," "Flowers" (good), "A Castle in the Air," "View from Cheung Chau," "Interior of Temple" (pretty), "Trees" and "Lantau." All the pictures were in water colour, black and white and tinted pen and ink, with the exception of "Decorations" which was in oil.

Miss Grace MacNair's pictures were: "Oils—The Kentish Weald" and "The Path up the Hill" (both good), "Washdrawings—The village green, Meopham, Kent," "The twin trees," "Old Houses, Winchester" (good), "The Old Church," "Aberdovey, Wales," and "The Ichen at Winchester." Lithographs: "Portrait study," "The Charlady" (good) and "The old mill, Romney" (unframed).

Other Exhibits.

Pictures exhibited by Mrs. Ian MacNair were, "Temple, Wei-hai-wai" and "Club Garden" (both pastel), "Wei-hai-wai," "Hong Kong harbour" (good), "Walled City—Wei-hai-wai," "Child Study," "Chinese Children," "Sun Island" (good). Mrs. Noll's exhibits were: "A Glimpse of Repulse Bay from Mt. Kellett" (good), "On the way to '92," "Kowloon Reservoir" (good), "View from the Peak" (good), and "The River, Onse, Bedford" (good).

MILITANT GOVERNOR

U. S. LEGISLATORS LOCKED OUT.

MACHINE GUNS.

Oklahoma City, Yesterday. Faced with machine-gun troops posted before the Chamber, the members of the House of Representatives found themselves "locked out" by Governor Henry Johnston.

The Speaker therefore summoned the members to "sit in the street" and receive impeachment charges against the Governor.

Eventually the Legislators assembled in the local hotel. The trouble apparently arose over the question of the Legislature's right to assemble on its own initiative.

The Senate did so last week without an executive order, but the State Supreme Court declared the session illegal.

The Senate thereupon voted itself qualified to sit as a Court of Impeachment and decided to reassemble when the Lower House had prepared indictments against the Governor, who is alleged to be a member of the mystic Rosicrucian order.—Reuter's American Service.

AMBULANCE WORK.

RAILWAY DIVISION'S COMPETITION.

The Railway Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade teams held their final competition for the Ho Fook Cup on the Kowloon Football Club ground on Monday afternoon.

The results obtained showed that despite the fact that members of this particular division are prevented from regularly attending the field days organised by the Brigade they have attained a high standard of efficiency.

This year the Railway Division competed for the Cup in eight squads of four men each.

Among those present at the final competition on Monday were Messrs. R. Baker, D. A. Walker, J. Morris, W. P. Cuff, E. Ralphs, J. Morris, Dr. E. R. Dovey and the Examining Officers, Drs. Major Lynch and Major Campbell.

The two teams in the final were (Winners)—U. Po Yin, Lam Heung-wing, Li Chung and Li Yeung-fan. (Runners-up)—Chau Yuk, Lam Hon-cheong, Li Ping-tsan and Lo Lo-yu.

The winners were awarded 75 per cent. marks for efficiency by the judges and the runners-up, 60 per cent.

A low-brow is one who too easily thinks a bad book is good, and a high-brow is one who too easily thinks a good book is bad.—Dr. W. H. Moberly.

Home life is being killed by the motor-car: people, instead of wanting homes to go to, are wanting hotels and flats to go from.—Mr. C. F. Annesley-Voysey.

In Green and Gold" (good), "Captivity" (good), "The Cavern Pool" (good), "Mrs. Johnny" and "Dr. Lakington."

Miss C. Peyton exhibited: "The Apple Tree," "Evening Shadows, B.C." (good), "August Smoke, B.C." (good), "Garden, B.C." (good), "Mist, Hong Kong," (good), "Foktulum," "A Path, Hong Kong" (good), "View, Hong Kong," "The Bent Willow," "Old Boulogne," "Snow," and "A Russian Refugee" (good).

Mrs. M. O. Pfister exhibited, Peking: "The Great Wall" (good), Coal Hill, in the Confucian Temple, A Corner in the Imperial City, Lama Temple, Mountains at the Hai Lings (Western Tombs) (good), Autumn at the Hai Lings. Korea:—Song-Nim Sea, Diamond Mountains, Hermitage of Potokul (good), Stone Image of Buddha (good), Hong Kong:—Glencaly (good), A misty Day in Spring, Woodlands, A Sunny Autumn Day (good), View from Conduit Road, Sunset at Cheung Chow, Evening at Felix Villas (good), Junk returning, Home near Aberdeen, Rocks on Cheung Chow, Switzerland:—Saas Fee, Alphubel, Saas Fee, Weissmies (good), Kistenpass, Spain:—Near Valencia (good).

Mrs. H. K. Prosser exhibited: "A Peak Garden" (good), and "Windmill—Essex."

Mrs. Riley exhibited: "Botanical Gardens—Hong Kong" (good) and "Sunset behind Hing West."

Mrs. A. M. Bowes Smith exhibited: "Delphiniums," "Roses" (good), "Speldhurst Woods," "Portrait—the old Cornet player" (good) "Chrysanthemums," "Wall flowers" (good), "View from Beachy Head" (good), "Sauntion" (good), "Adam" (good), and "In a Peak Garden."

Mrs. Sayer exhibited: "The Open Door," "Tai-po" (good), "Lantau" (good), and "From the Peak."

Mr. W. Hong Sling exhibited: "Norma Shearer and 'The Eagle'" (very good).

Dr. Smalley exhibited: "The River, Onse, Bedford" (good).

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SOVIET CONSULATES.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK ON POLICY TOWARDS RUSSIA.

"NOT A SECRET NOW."

Shanghai, Yesterday. General Chiang Kai-shek, interviewed by foreign pressmen this evening, stated that the Kuomintang conference on Saturday had instructed Dr. C. C. Wu (the Nanking Foreign Minister) and General Pei Chung-hsi (the Shanghai Defence Commissioner) to "take the necessary steps to close Soviet Consulates in Nationalist territory in China." The instructions were hitherto most secret, pending execution, but the Communist outbreak at Canton necessitated the Nanking Government's announcing an attitude towards the Soviet.

It is said that the Soviet Consul-General, M. Kolovsky, has not at present been informed of the pending closure.—Reuter.

WAR IN THE NORTH.

More Fighting Near Hsuehchowfu.

Peking, Yesterday. At a conference held at Hsuehchowfu on the 8th inst., it was decided that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang should act on the defensive against the Nationalists while General Chang Tsung-chang should personally lead the attack along the Lung-Hai Railway against Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang (the "Christian General").

There seems no doubt that the Northerners are following up successes in the vicinity of Hsuehchowfu and are advancing in several directions. They claim to have recaptured Tangshan, Tsaochow and Tingtau, as well as Wei-haiwei and Sinsiang on the Peking-Hankow Railway and are clearing a branch line leading to the Peking Syndicate mines.

All reports declare that the casualties in the Hsuehchowfu area were severe and that large numbers were killed in bayonet fighting. It is considered that this indicates that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang was defeated because he ran short of ammunition.—Reuter.

AT SHANGHAI.

CHIANG SUPPORTS LOCAL AGITATION.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The agitation following the shooting of demonstrating students by the Nanking troops is receiving the active support of Chiang Kai-shek.—British Naval Wireless.

[There is only to be expected since it was the Nanking administration which put Chiang Kai-shek out of office and he has since been hankering after regaining the position of Commander-in-Chief. Previous messages have mentioned the agitation in Shanghai and elsewhere following the shooting of the demonstrating students by troops of the Nanking Government.]

WAR COMPENSATION

COURT'S FINAL PUBLIC SESSION.

MILLIONS PAID OUT.

London, Yesterday.

The final public session of the War Compensation Court, which in 1920, succeeded the Defence of the Realm Commission, will be held on Friday. It was organised at the outbreak of the war to deal with claims for compensation arising out of emergency war measures, in such a way that minimum injury would be done to public finances and to rights of citizens.

The claims heard by the courts have totalled \$16,500,000 and payments made respecting them amounted to nearly \$9,000,000.—British Wireless Service.

GAS WARFARE.

BRITAIN AND CONVENTION RATIFICATION.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons to-day a question was asked why the Government had not ratified the convention against gas and bacteriological warfare agreed upon at Geneva.

Comdr. Locker-Lampson, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that the Government had decided to withhold ratification until all other important Powers had ratified or signified their intention of doing so.—British Wireless Service.

A CESSPOOL.

SHOCKING CONDITIONS IN DARTMOOR.

HOME SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS.

London, Nov. 28.

Fundamental alterations in the penal system have been suggested by the Home Secretary, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, on the conclusion of his tour of the prisons throughout the country.

He deals especially with Dartmoor as "the cesspool of English humanity" and expressed the opinion that ultimately the nation will have to be protected against confirmed criminals. He recommends the segregation of the enemies of society, under, perhaps, more pleasant circumstances than those obtaining in convict prisons, until they are too old for crime.

The Home Secretary strongly disapproves of many of the short sentences, notably in the case of youths, as such sentences do not give time for reformatory influences to take effect.

He counsels employment under the probation and supervision system, otherwise the youths should be sent to Borstal institutions, from which few of the lads return to crime.—"Times of Ceylon."

It is a sign of failure when a nation has not beautiful women.—Mr. Johan Bojer.

CINEMA NOTES.

"THE FOUR HORSEMEN OF THE APOCALYPSE"

A MASTERLY FILM.

"The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse," one of the most famous pictures ever made, will be screened at the Queen's Theatre from to-day to Saturday. Owing to the length of the film, cinema-goers are requested to note that performances begin promptly at the special times of 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30.

Produced by the brilliant Irish director, Rex Ingram, from the story of the Spanish author, Vicente Blasco Ibanez, "The Four Horsemen" is a picture full of dramatic interest and pictorial glamour, sweeping from the Argentine to the Paris of peace and war.

The distinguished cast is headed by Rudolph Valentino and Alice Terry. Valentino is seen in this picture in the role which made him famous and his performance is without question a splendid piece of work.

"The Four Horsemen" is a picture that owes its outstanding success to the deep impression it is able to make on the mind—spectator comes away feeling that he has seen, not simply fine acting, splendid directing and realistic settings, but a picture that is great as an artistic whole.

Pictures showing in the local cinemas for the last time to-day are "Sea Horses" at the World Theatre and "Hogan's Alley" at the Star Theatre. "Sea Horses" is a romance of a trampsteamer and the coast of East Africa with Jack Holt and Florence Vidor in the leading roles. "Hogan's Alley" is a story of New York presenting Monte Blue, Patsy Ruth Miller, Louise Fazenda, Willard Louis and Ben Turpin.

Cinema-goers are reminded that owing to the length of the film, special starting times have been arranged for "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre to-day. Performances begin promptly at 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30 and the picture will be screened immediately after the overture.

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St. George's Building.Mrs. Almira Goodhue, mother of
Mrs. Coolidge, is in hospital seri-
ously ill with influenza. A later
message stated that the lady was
out of danger.Mr. C. W. Bowerman, Labour
M.P. for Deptford, was presented
with an illuminated address in re-
cognition of his 21 years' repre-
sentation of the borough in Parlia-
ment.A thief entered the servants'
quarters of No. 3, Park Building
last night, and got away with
money, jewellery and clothing
worth \$195, the property of the
servants.Mr. Maurice A. Cohen, well
known in Nationalist circles and
once the bodyguard of the late Dr.
Sun Yat-sen left Shanghai recent-
ly after a visit there lasting sev-
eral days.Driver Edward Stones, of Lon-
don, drove the L.M.S. Royal Scot
express the 300 miles non-stop
Euston to Carlisle run in 334
minutes, beating the previous re-
cord by two minutes.Belgrade, Yesterday.—Four pro-
minent Italian newspapers, includ-
ing the "Giornale d'Italia," have
been forbidden to circulate in
Yugo-Slavia owing to their alleged
attacks upon the King, army and
people of Yugo-Slavia.In order to induce the owners of
motor cars to obtain licences for
use in Chinese territory, the Shang-
hai and Woosung Municipality has
offered, in the vernacular press, to
reduce the fee for the winner quar-
ter by thirty per cent.Mr. G. S. Padesi, of the Hong
Kong University, is expecting two
notable visitors about the middle
of the month in the persons of his
uncle and aunt, Mr. K. S.
Chowdhury, Barrister-at-Law, and
Mrs. Chowdhury, M.D., F.R.H.S.A Chinese servant employed at
No. 32, Caine Road, was yester-
day removed to the Government
Civil Hospital suffering from
serious injuries received when he
accidentally fell into the road from
the first floor verandah of the
house.The Duchess of York, who was
gazetted Colonel-in-Chief, of the
King's Own Yorkshire Light In-
fantry last August, will pay her
first official visit to the regiment on
Thursday, when she will carry out
the inspection of the first battalion
at Blackdown, Hampshire.New York.—Professor Indra and
his son who murdered Swami
Shradanand and his assistant
editor, Pundit Satyranama, have been
respectively sentenced to 3½ years
and 18 months rigorous imprison-
ment and fined 1700 and 75 rupees
for publishing newspaper articles
tending to excite communal hatred.A coolie was yesterday after-
noon knocked down in Connaught
Road Central by a motor car, the
number of which was not ascertain-
ed as the driver of the car failed to
stop after the accident, and has,
up to this morning, not yet
reported to the police. The coolie
was taken by the police to the
Government Civil Hospital for
treatment.The Shanghai "Nichi-Nichi"
says that owing to the war situa-
tion in North China, which is
gradually turning in favour of
Feng Yu-shiang, and the consequ-
ent danger to the lives and prop-
erty of Japanese residents in
Shantung, the question of the de-
spatching of troops to Shantung
is likely to be again taken up by
the Japanese government. The
matter will chiefly depend upon the
situation at Hsuehchowfu.There is a fairly heavy calendar
for the December Criminal Sessions
which opens at the Supreme Court
on Monday next. There are two
murder and one manslaughter
cases, to be taken before the Chief
Justice, and the remaining six cases
include five armed robberies and
one case of throwing corrosive acid
at a girl at Kowloon. The latter
cases will probably be heard before
the Puisse Judge. It is expected
that the Sessions will continue until
Friday.The St. Peter's Young Men's
Club are holding the first whist
drive of the season on Friday at
8.30 p.m. at St. John's Cathedral
Hall. In addition to prizes to be
presented at each fortnightly drive
during the forthcoming season, it
is proposed to award a prize to the
player who has the highest accu-
mulative score at the end of the
season, players being requested to
hand in their scores after each
drive together with their names.
A charge of fifty cents is made for
admission.According to the "Singapore
Diocesan Magazine," Miss L. M.
Sharp is retiring from the post of
Secretary of the Singapore Aux-
iliary Diocesan Association. Her
brother, Archdeacon Sharp, former-
ly of Sarawak, and assistant Chap-
lain at St. Andrew's Cathedral
under Archdeacon Perham, is still
Vicar of St. Stephen's, Hampstead,
and Rural Dean. Lt.-Col. Spriggs
is going to be hon. secretary and
treasurer of the S.A.D.A. The new
chairman is Mr. E. S. Hoss, C.M.G.,
who takes the place of the Lord
Bishop of Ely, who, an cousin of
the late Bishop, presided over the
Council of the S.A.D.A.Mrs. S. G. Blamey, of Verryam,
Cornwall, in mail week celebrated
her 100th birthday.London, Dec. 13.—His Majesty
gave an audience to Major-General
Wardrop on his appointment as
G.O.C. in North China.Mr. Geo. E. Sokolsky, who recent-
ly underwent an operation for ap-
pendicitis, has now left hospital
and is convalescing at his resi-
dence.London, Dec. 13.—The death is
early of the Commissioner
Elijah Cadman, the first Salvation
Army Captain whose adoption of
that title led to the system of the
ranking of salvationists.Much sympathy has been expressed
in Tientsin for Captain C. E.
Crowne, of the First Battalion, The
East Yorkshire Regiment, and Mrs.
Crowne, in the loss of their little
daughter, Pamela Joyce, aged nine
years, who passed away from
measles.Passengers due to arrive from
Home to-day by a.s. "Kalyan"
include Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Evans,
and infant, Mrs. I. Hooper, and two
children, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ham-
bly, Surg.-Lieut. A. E. Phillips,
Mrs. G. H. Stewart and infant,
Mrs. Thompson and two infants.The Second Annual Dinner Dance
of the Hong Kong Automobile Asso-
ciation will be held at the Hong
Kong Hotel roof garden on Friday,
from 8 until 12.30. A short resume
of the activities of the Society dur-
ing the past year will be given by
the President, Commander Hart-
ford.Mrs. Virginia Haldeman wife
of George Haldeman, the intrepid
navigator-pilot, who accompanied
Miss Ruth Elder.A seaplane from H.M.S. "Argus"
was obliged to make a forced land-
ing near Stonecutters when engine
trouble developed in the course of
exercises. The pilot maintained
control of his vessel but the ma-
chine was slightly damaged on
alighting. It was later towed back
to the mother ship by a naval pin-
nace.In connection with the seizure of
23 jars of dutiable wine on board
a junk in Shaukiwan harbour dur-
ing the week-end (already report-
ed), the master of the junk, was
charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell
at the Central Magistracy yester-
day and remanded until noon on
Thursday for an additional charge
of importing the wine to be added
to the Magistrate's suggestion.Judgment for plaintiff by con-
sent with stay of execution for a
fortnight was entered at the Sum-
mary Court yesterday in a case in
which Messrs. Alex. Ross and Co.
(China), Ltd. claimed against the
Dragon Motor Livery Service, of 24
Des Voeux Road Central, for
\$458.18, balance of goods sold and
delivered. Mr. W. D. Owen was
for plaintiffs and Mr. D. McCallum
for defendants.The Organ Recital by Mr. Fre-
derick Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L.,
at St. John's Cathedral last even-
ing, was an enjoyable offering. The
programme was as follows:—
1.—Prelude and Fugue in C
Minor, Bach.
2.—Evening Song, Baintow.
3.—(a) Song Without Words,
Holloway.
(b) To a Wild Rose, Macdowell.
4.—March Solennelle,
Tschalkowsky.
Hymn 268.
5.—The Question, Wolstenholme.
6.—Spring Song, Hollins.
7.—Festal Offertorium, Fletcher.The death took place at Shang-
hai last Thursday of Dr. John
Thomas Proctor, for the last 29
years connected with the work in
China of the American Baptist
Foreign Missionary Society. Dr.
Proctor was going from his office in
the Missions Building, 23 Yuen
Ming Yuen and had reached the
corner of Yuen Ming Yuen and
Peking Roads when a sudden heart
attack caused him to drop to the
pavement where he was attended
by a Chinese constable on duty at
the corner. He was taken to the
General Hospital with the greatest
possible despatch, but it was found
that death had been instantaneous,
and that probably when he first fell
to the ground he was already dead.The concert to be held at the
Helena May on Thursday December
25, is postponed until January.
Tickets sold will hold good for next
performance.—Advt.A memorial outside the Italian
Church, Hatton-garden, W.C., to
the 140 London Italians who fell
in the war was unveiled by the
Italian Ambassador, Signor Chiara-
monte Bordonare.Croydon, following the example
of Hull, Bradford, and Portsmouth,
has exercised its statutory powers
to provide all this blind beggars in
the town, about eight, with pen-
sions, totalling £455 a year.It was stated in Parliament that
during the year 1926, the total
number of persons assisted to
emigrate under the Empire Settle-
ment Act was 65,530. The total
expenditure involved was £1,046,-
000.The King has approved the ap-
pointment of Mr. Claud Russell,
late Envoy Extraordinary and
Minister Plenipotentiary at Addis
Ababa, to be Envoy Extraordinary
and Minister Plenipotentiary at
Berne.Mr. Tseng Ko-kuang, who was
sent to the Federated Malay States
and the Dutch East Indies to study
municipal administration, returned
to Shanghai and at once reported
to the acting Mayor of Greater
Shanghai.The Shanghai and Woosung Gar-
rison Commissioner has received
telegraphic information from the
war front to the effect that the Na-
tionalist forces occupied Peikuan,
a station to the north of Hsueh-
fu, which city the Shantung-Chihli
Armies claim still to hold.H.H. Sultan of Perak and suite
left Kuala Kangsar by mail train
for Kuala Lumpur, travelling in a
reserved saloon which was attach-
ed to the mail at Kuala Kangsar.
His Highness will be returning at
the conclusion of the Selangor
Turf Club's amateur meeting.The death occurred at the Gen-
eral Hospital, Colombo on Novem-
ber 8, after an operation, of Mr.
G. A. Jansz, late Chief Inspector,
Posts and Telegraphs Department,
F.M.S., at the age of 64 years.
The late Mr. Jansz retired from
the service in 1919. He leaves a
widow, two sons and two daughters
in Ceylon. The Rev. P. Lucian
Jansz officiated both at the house
and by the graveside.Says the "North China Daily
News": In an article published in
the "Peking and Tientsin Times"
of November 29, we note that our
Mr. Rodney Gilbert is described as
"one of the most brilliant and well-
informed observers of Chinese af-
fairs." This looks so much like an
effort to be cryptic by crossing
billion with brilliant, that we do
not know whether to be pleased on
his behalf or not, and have hesi-
tated to point out the passage to
the subject of the doubtful com-
pliment.Major C. Willson and a jury yester-
day afternoon held an inquiry at
the Central Magistracy into the cir-
cumstances attending the death of
a Chinese who was knocked down
by a motor lorry in Praya East on
December 3 and subsequently died
at the hospital from injuries re-
ceived. After evidence had been
taken as to how the accident hap-
pened, and medical evidence was
given, the jury returned a verdict
of "accidental death" and exonerat-
ed the lorry driver, who is employ-
ed by the Ling Nam Transporting
Company, from blame.Inquiries made at the Central
Police Station this morning
elicited the welcome information
that Sergeant Thomas McMahon
who was shot by Chinese gunmen
early last Wednesday morning is
continuing to make good progress
toward a complete recovery. The
Indian constable and the wounded
gunman are reported to be also
recovering, but Chinese detective
No. C446 who was earlier in the
week stated to be progressing
favourably weakened somewhat
during yesterday, and is again in
a critical condition.Members of the three Chambers of
Commerce—Chinese General, Dis-
trict and Chapel—and the Shang-
hai Commercial Federation have
wired to Dr. Alfred S. K. Sze, Chi-
nese Minister to Washington, re-
garding the American loan to the
South Manchuria Railway. The
railway, they say is in Chinese ter-
ritory and the American lenders
will be encroaching on Chinese ter-
ritory if the loan is made. All
Chinese are opposed to the scheme.
For the sake of Sino-American
friendship, the writers demand
that the loan should be cancelled.A cable message announces the
death, in America, of Dr. W. H.
Park. Dr. Park was a member of
the China Mission of the Methodist
Episcopal Church, South, since
1882. He was one of the found-
ers of the Soochow Hospital, Soo-
chow, Ku., and is known widely in
China. He has been in poor health
for some time. He and Mrs. Park
sailed for America in the spring
and he was compelled to stop off
in Honolulu and spend some weeks
in hospital. He went on to the
United States in August and was
reported much improved. The an-
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STILL WINNING.

WARATAH FORWARD SENT OFF.

London, Dec. 3.
To-day was rainless but the weather was icy cold when the Waratahs played their fixture against Cardiff. It was a hard game, victory going to the New South Wales players by 17 points to 9. Jack Ford, one of the tourists' star forwards, was ordered off the field.
The first English trial took place at Leicester. Whites defeating Colours by 15 points to 9.

O.M.T.'s Beat Light Blues.

Results in other County and Club matches to-day were as follows:
Northumberland 17, Durham 0.
Gloucestershire 3, Cornwall 3.
O.M.T.'s 8, Cambridge University 6.
Blackheath 15, Moseley 14.
Richmond 5, Guy's 5.
London Scottish 16, Birkenhead 3.
Harlequins 3, Leicester 0.

CORINTHIANS BEAT CAMBRIDGE.

London, Dec. 3.
The Corinthians met Cambridge University at soccer this afternoon and won by six goals to two.

INTER-VARSITY RELAYS.

London, Dec. 3.
Cambridge defeated Oxford in the annual inter-Varsity relay meeting by four events to three. Cambridge were successful in the 440 yards, the 480 yards (hurdles), two miles and mile, Oxford winning the four miles, half mile, and 880 yards (hurdles).

INTER-VARSITY SQUASH.

London, Dec. 3.
In the annual inter-Varsity squash rackets match Oxford defeated Cambridge.

THE KING'S JOCKEYS.

London, Dec. 3.
Childs and Alford will be the King's Jockeys next year.

LENGLEN NOT TIRED.

London, Dec. 3.
Mlle. Lenglen has denied the report that she is going to try and become an amateur again. She is probably "kite-flying" but the Lawn Tennis Association bluntly predicts that they will not acquiesce in any such proposal.

GERMAN HOCKEY PLAYERS.

London, Dec. 3.
A team of German hockey players are visiting England. A match against Britain at Folkestone was drawn, two all.

GREYHOUND RACING AT STAINES.

London, Dec. 3.
When greyhound racing opens at Staines on Boxing Day it is probable that the track here at present in vogue will be superseded by the "trackless hare."

SIR JOHN SIMON AGAINST THE TOTE.

London, Dec. 3.
Th proposal to instal the totalisator system on English racecourses has one influential opponent in Sir John Simon, who is strongly opposed to the idea.

CURIOUS-STEPPLECHASE INCIDENT.

London, Dec. 3.
There was a curious incident at Kempton Park to-day during the Uxbridge Steeplechase. Glangesla's jockey was thrown and a spectator caught the horse and mounted it. A mounted policeman stopped him, however, and the jockey remounted the horse and finished the race.

'VARSITY RUGGER.

CAMBRIDGE DEFEAT OXFORD.

London, Yesterday.
The rugby football match between Oxford and Cambridge Universities, played at Twickenham, resulted in a victory for Cambridge by 22 points against 14 after a great game. Mr. Baldwin was among the 35,000 spectators.—British Wireless Service.

LOCAL GOLF.

CLUB'S ACTIVITIES DURING PAST YEAR.

SATISFACTORY FINANCES.

Interesting matters are dealt with in the report of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, which is to be submitted at the annual general meeting of the Club in December 21. The report states:
For the period October 1, 1926, to September 30, 1927, there were 79 resident members and 84 new members of the Junior Section. The Club membership now stands as follows:—Honorary Members, 3; Life Members, 4; Full Members, 446; Restricted Members, 49; Non-Playing Members, 20; Absent Members, 951; Naval Subscribers, 21; Military Subscribers, 37. Total: 1,631.
Junior Section:—Resident Members, 88; Absent Members, 35. Total: 123.
Total membership of the two sections: 1,654.
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The celebrated financier, 88 years old, played 9 holes of golf on his private course to show he's far from being a back number. Photo shows John D. Rockefeller as he looks today.

Other competitions resulted as follows:
Jasper Clark Cup (1926), Mr. A. H. Ferguson.
Happy Valley Championship (1927), Mr. R. M. Smith.
Captain's Cup (1926), Mr. I. W. Shewan.
Shanghai Visitors' Cup (1927), Mr. N. L. Smith.
Governor's Shield (1926), Royal Army Medical Corps (Col. S. Boylan Smith and Major J. P. Lynch).
Junior Championship (1927), Mr. W. J. Clark.

The Committee.
The following served on the General Committee:
Messrs. E. Davidson (Captain), D. G. Bruce, J. W. Franks, L. S. Greenhill, A. K. Henderson, C. D. Lambert, R. L. Moncrieff, T. D. E. Pendered, N. L. Smith, D. Templeton, G. S. Archbutt, L. G. S. Doddwell.
The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Linstead & Davis, who retire and do not offer themselves for re-election.
Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming offer themselves for election.

Finance.
The balance sheet, which will be presented at the meeting, reflects a very successful year.
The Lodging Account at Fanning stands at \$2,350 which proves that members appreciate this admirable way, for a golfer, of spending a week-end.

The upkeep of course has cost more this year than in the previous one, but this is owing to expenses at Happy Valley and Deep Water Bay; the upkeep of Fanning is placed at a slightly lower figure than it was a year ago. Even if it were not so, the upkeep of this course is the one expense about which a golfer cannot really grumble.

The balance carried forward from 1926 was \$86,412, and this has been increased by \$8,697 to \$95,110, a very satisfactory profit on the year's working. It is noticeable that very liberal allowances are made for depreciation, a sure sign that an institution feels quite happy about its affairs.

The stock in hand is valued at \$7,512, composed as follows:—Clubs, \$482.91; Balls, \$1,180.70; Repainted Balls, \$5.70; Wine, Cigars, etc., \$3,764.84; Sundries, \$1,897; Provisions—Fanning, \$781.

LOCAL CRICKET.

SCOTS GUARDS DEFEAT ARTILLERY.

FRIENDLY GAME.

The Scots Guards yesterday defeated the Royal Artillery in a friendly match by 66 runs. Details:—

Royal Artillery.			
Mr. Gnr. Fogden, c McKimmie,	b Erskine,	20	
Bnr. Britnell, c Tyringham,	b Erskine,	14	
Lieut. Tollington, c Stiven,	0		
Gnr. Bacon, b Stiven,	0		
Dor. Clarke, b Erskine,	0		
Sergt. Leach, c and b Stiven,	10		
Bdr. Hole, l.b.w., b Hargreaves,	6		
Sergt. Jolly, c Graham, b			
Hargreaves,	11		
Lieut. Hall, b Stiven,	5		
Sergt. Glazebrook, c Chapman,	0		
b Hargreaves,	0		
Capt. Howard, not out,	3		
Extras	8		

Total			
72			
Bowling Analysis.			
	O.	M.	R.
Stiven	12	1	25
Erskine	8	1	31
Hargreaves	3.5	0	13
Bowled 1 No Ball.			

Scots Guards.			
Rev. J. Murray, run out	2		
Gds. Chapman, c Hole, b Leach	1		
Capt. Tyringham, c Bacon, b			
Leach	4		
Capt. Graham, c Leach, b			
Clarke	12		
Capt. Erskine, b Leach	16		
Gds. Hargreaves, c Leach, b			
Bdr. Hole	40		
Lieut. Hill, c Leach, b Clarke	10		
Capt. Mayfield, c and b Clarke	0		
Corpl. McKimmie, not out	24		
Lieut. Milburne, run out	6		
Extras	18		

Total (9 wickets) 128			
Gds. Stiven did not bat.			
Bowling Analysis.			
	O.	M.	R.
Leach	8	2	16
Clarke	11	2	55
Glazebrook	4	0	17
Hole	3	0	12
Howard	1	0	11
Bacon	1	1	0

AN OLD SPORT.

DOG RACING AMONG ENGLISH MINERS.

Dog racing began years ago among the rough miners in the north of England. It now a popular sport in several countries.

The usual distance for these races is an eighth of a mile, the best time for which is said to be twelve seconds. Seven dogs usually feature in a single race. They have to be trained from puppyhood to run for the handkerchief. After they learn their trick they must be kept in training every day to keep their muscles hard and in good trim.

For most races the dogs are held by the skin back of the neck and at the root of the tail by "slippers" who go at the signal of a pistol shot. Each dog's master precedes it and holds a handkerchief or cloth across the winning line. Almost as soon as they are at the line the dogs are jumping for the handkerchiefs they have been taught to follow.—"The Pathfinder."

LOCAL SOCCER.

INTERPORT TRIAL THIS AFTERNOON.

Another interport soccer trial will take place this afternoon on the H.K.F.C. ground, the trial team opposing the R.A.F. The game commences at 4.15 p.m. For the Interports the same forward line that beat the Scots Guards by six goals to two, i.e., Tio Kwai-shing, Gosano, Vernon, Suen Kum-shun and the Rev. Alexander, C.F., will be out. Howard will be tried out at left back in partnership with Wynne.

LOCAL TENNIS.

UNIVERSITY V. LINGNAM U.

The following will represent Hong Kong University in a friendly tennis match against the Lingnam University on Thursday, the 15th instant at 3 p.m. on the University ground (Pokfulam):—T. W. Chong (capt.), A. A. Rumjahn, P. C. Lim, H. C. Hung, G. de Souza, and B. P. Ng.

TO ADOPT TOTE?

MELBOURNE LEGISLATION IN FAVOUR.

Melbourne, Yesterday.
The Assembly has read for a third time the Bill establishing the totalisator on racecourses.—Reuter.

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MARKETS AGAIN.

PERPETUATING HEREDITARY SYSTEM.

SANITARY BOARD DISCUSSION.

The advisability or otherwise of perpetuating the present hereditary system of stall holdings in new markets was raised by Mr. J. P. Braga at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board.

The question arose out of a minute by the Chairman (Mr. W. J. Carrie) relating to special food licences in Cheung Sha Wan. In moving their cancellation, the Chairman said they were issued in connection with the temporary market of which there were at present no limits. It was not proposed to grant any licences at first but a member proposed that special consideration should be given to the licencees, the great majority of whom were warned when the licences were issued that no such consideration would be given when the new market was erected in the vicinity. The motion before the Board was that the special food licences issued at Cheung Sha Wan be cancelled as from the date of the opening of the new market. Such condition was made on issue of the licences in all but four cases. Asked by Dr. Koch whether there would be any conditions on the new licences regarding prices charged, the Chairman said that the Board had no authority to control prices.

In reply to Mr. Braga, the Chairman said the new licences would be issued for three years in the first instance and after that on a monthly tenancy.
Mr. Braga thought it should be on record in the minutes of the Board that the hereditary system of licences should not be perpetuated in any new market as in the case of the Central market.

The Chairman Differs.
The Chairman: I should be prepared to argue in favour of the present system.
Mr. Braga: The system that for the last sixteen years has allowed no change in licences?
Eventually, Mr. Braga indicated that he gave notice of a resolution that such a system should not be perpetuated in the case of new markets. As he took his seat for the first time in his new capacity he had not had the opportunity of looking at the papers on the subject and he would request time for framing the resolution.

The Chairman's resolution with regard to the cancelling of the special food licences was carried.
Motion Postponed.
According to the agenda, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin should have moved that this Board recommends that legislation be introduced to provide means for the control and regulation of food prices in the Colony.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin indicated that he wished to postpone the motion until a later date when most likely he would submit it in an altered form.
The motion was carried.
Lime-washing.
Arising out of a question by Dr. Two regarding methods of lime-washing, Dr. Pope said that care was taken to cover all furniture and fittings when such lime-washing was carried out and the chemicals contained nothing deleterious to such articles.

The Chairman indicated that such lime-washing was only undertaken at the request of the landlord.
Concerning Water Supply.
At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Braga gave notice of the following questions to be asked at the next meeting.
1.—In view of the existing rationing of the water supply on the island of Hong Kong and of the recurring restrictions during dry seasons, will the President inform the Board as to the number of houses on the island using water from the Government mains (as distinguished from independent water supplies) for flushing purposes?
The figures should be given separately for—
(a) dwelling-houses.
(b) Government buildings,
(c) hospitals,
(d) hotels and offices.

2.—In whose hands is the power vested for granting permission for the use of filtered water from Government mains for flushing and gardening purposes?
3.—What specific requirements (if any) are imposed before the permission referred to in (2) is granted by the authority concerned?
Next Board Meeting.
It was indicated that, owing to the next regular date of meeting being a holiday, the next meeting of the Board should be held on December 28.

EUROPEANS HURT.

ALARMING CAR SMASH AT SINGAPORE.

Singapore, Dec. 5.
An alarming accident occurred just after midnight on Saturday on Kallang Bridge near Tan Kah Kee's rubber factory, when a Singer car driven by Mr. R. Woodford and containing four other occupants turned three complete somersaults and burst into flames.
Prompt measures taken by Europeans passing by at the time, however, prevented the occupants—Mr. R. Woodford, Mr. P. J. Clarke, Mr. E. S. Davies, Mr. Cunic and Miss Connie Prou—being severely injured.

Mr. E. S. Davies, Mr. R. Woodford and Mr. P. J. Clarke had been to the Manila Show in Anson Road and were returning to their homes in the Serangoon district when they met two friends, Miss Connie Prou, who is in the Telephone Office, and Mr. Cunic of East Coast, Miss Prou sat in the rear of the car whilst Mr. Cunic sat beside the driver.
The injured persons were removed to hospital, where Mr. Clarke was found to be suffering from a head injury and an X-ray examination was made on Sunday morning. Mr. R. Woodford sustained a fractured collar bone and a badly fractured leg. Miss Prou had two teeth knocked out and has a "gash" on the head, whilst Mr. Cunic has a badly fractured arm. Mr. Davies escaped with a cut on his head.—"Singapore Free Press."

POLICE RESERVE.

LATEST ORDERS BY THE C.S.P.

REVOLVER PRACTICE.

The following orders have been issued by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police:—
Flying Squad.
The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong Section on Thursday, December 15, will start from the Central Police Station as usual at 5.15 p.m. sharp.
Dress: Khaki.
General: Part III. Musketry.
The following Police Reservists will attend at the Kennedy Road Revolver Range in mufti on Sunday, December 18, at 10.30 a.m. sharp for instruction in revolver shooting under Inspector H. J. Paterson:—
5 men to be detailed by O.C. Chinese Company.
2 men to be detailed by O.C. Indian Company.
24 men to be detailed by O.C. Flying Squad.
All members who have not passed the Recruits Pistol Course are to attend.

Police Training School.
Classes for instruction in Part II. of training course will be held at the Police Training School under Inspector H. J. Paterson on Thursday, December 15, and Tuesday, December 20, commencing both evenings at 5.30 p.m. sharp.
Training Part I.
All members of the Police Reserve who have not yet passed out as efficient in Part I. will parade in mufti at the Central Police Station for Squad Drill and Rifle Exercises under Sergeant R. J. Hunt as follows:—
Chinese Company on Thursday, December 15, and Tuesday, December 20.
Flying Squad on Tuesday, December 20.
Fall in each evening at 5.30 p.m. sharp.
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Autumn pocketbooks have the habit of taking on importance in both size and design. They depart entirely from Summer models and show much variety in their appeal. The very large bag that is carried under the arm is showing itself with an eye to success these days. It comes in all leathers as well as cloths and in some cases reaches such huge proportions as to suggest an overnight bag. And indeed it may well be used for this purpose. In leather imports there are to be found bags that are said to be washable. These come in lizard, alligator, and ecrase. The evening bags of white chalk beads, too, are easily washed.

Dress appearances are apt to be marked by the carrying of lizard skin bags in pastel tints. Set-in designs in all sorts of odd patterns mark a new means of establishing chic in the kids of opalescent hues. Square shapes are much seen as well as the pouch bags of generous proportions. Banded bags in rich Oriental patterns are again much in vogue and are very lovely in the designs that suggest old prayer rugs with all their soft colouring. A real novelty in the way of a bag is one that combines itself with an umbrella. This new idea comes direct from Paris where the um-

brella occupies a compartment of the really large bag that is carried under the arm.

Although flowers will still be seen ornamenting many shoulders, a new fad is appearing in smart shops to take away a little, at least, of the glory of the floral decoration. The butterfly—this new accessory—appears in exquisite colouring and perches itself with daintily fluttering wings either upon the shoulder of an afternoon or evening frock or upon the close

mined to reduce the burden to its minimum. Think of the polishes that our grandmothers had to make! This one for furniture, that one for silver, another for floors, another for paint another for brass. Now-a-days we can get all these out of a tin or a bottle.

One polish, indeed, now on the market, treats furniture, paint, and woodwork on cars equally well, and it cleans as well as polishes. Think of the terrific amount of blackleading that had to be done in connection with the dirty coal fires of our grandmothers' houses! Now-a-days, when we do have a coal fire for its friendliness, we can have, in place of the obnoxious blacklead, black enamel that resists the heat and does not burn or chip off.

Suction sweepers—and you don't have to have electricity to work them now-a-days—are the greatest asset in making possible the old lady's tenet of never cleaning a dirty room. Many wallpapers, paints, and distempers also fall into line by being readily washable.

We have learned the artistic value and beauty of plain surfaces, and so we turn more frequently to paint and distemper, but that plainness does not signify monotony because there is stippling to give interest to paint and shading from a deep to a light tone to give interest to both paint and distemper. With wallpapers, too, women are realising the charm of plain effects though they are throwing these into relief by floral panels.

Colourful Homes.

In addition to these plain effects women are not afraid of colour, so primrose, pink, mauve, and other delightful shades of paint are seen. The same ready medium of paint is seized on for turning old furniture into colourful useful pieces that can be ornaments to any room. The fashion of introducing a little of a contrasting colour in the form of ornament, also "dickering out" adds greatly to the effect of painted furniture.

fitting hat. Beautiful colours are used in these chemically treated silk insects and consequently the wings quiver into lovely colours and movements constantly. A tiny pin is concealed in the body to fasten them with and as they come in all colour harmonies they should form a fascinating addition to all costumes.

Autumn costume jewellery indicates that metals, crystals and some of the more precious stones have come to shake the supremacy of the pearl as an adornment. Necklaces of antique silver and gold are appearing. Enamelled effects are good. Coloured glass and strass are used for novelty effects. The deep cuff bracelets are seen everywhere. The revival of interest in sparkling jewels calls for a more colourful appeal in all costume jewellery and consequently the vogue of the pearl is somewhat threatened.

The Deauville handkerchief will also become an important accessory for autumn sports costumes. In all sorts of vivid tints it gives the appearance of becoming one of the favourite means of bringing colour to the autumn mode. These handkerchiefs are shown in many fabrics. From the sheer chiffons to the sturdier crepe silks they come in all colours and designs.

Two-piece dresses still holding their own in the Autumn mode necessitates the wearing of the belt. And the belt is making itself important in all widths, though mainly seen in very narrow models. The buckle is an extremely important part of the autumn belt and they are always thick and small. Enamels and metals are most used except in the formal frocks that use buckles or rhinestones.

Shawls are again showing a great variety in both colour and shape and threaten to invade the evening mode of autumn again.

Shoes in all sorts of interesting shapes and fabric combinations are establishing new lines. But so varied is their appeal that they need an entire column to discuss their departure from past seasons.

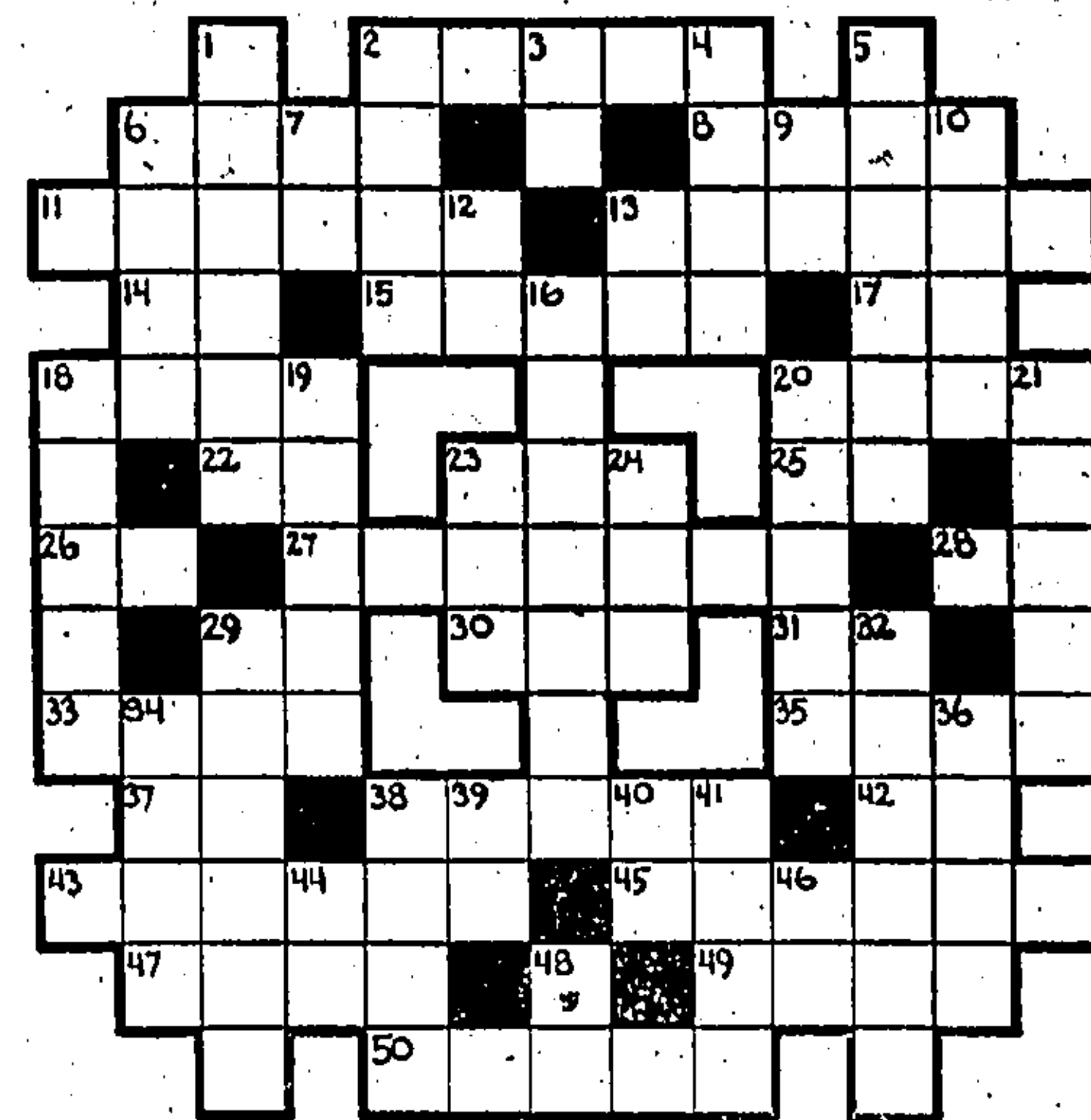
Billie Dove, wearing all the new fads and fancies of a new season with her accustomed good taste, is seen carrying on as well as other smart accessories in the First National film, "American Beauty."

THE SHINGLE VOGUE.

Short hair has now made history. Much to every one's surprise—including the hairdressers—it has not been the craze of a mere season. It has become a habit rather than a fashion, or an epoch, for it plays its part in this age of short skirts, hard work, and hard

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 2-Rank of persons
- 5-Blemish
- 8-Furnace
- 11-Building cement
- 13-For what was Solomon noted?
- 14-What island extends eastward from New York (abbr.)
- 15-English title
- 17-Diminutive suffix
- 18-Explosive missile
- 20-Vex
- 22-Abbreviation for Eastern State
- 23-Perform
- 24-Roman weight
- 26-Behold
- 27-Littered
- 28-To this degree
- 29-Greek goddess of earth
- 30-Length of course
- 31-Editor (abbr.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 33-Cautious
- 35-Soft feathers
- 37-Prefix meaning with
- 38-Raise objection
- 42-Abbreviation for New England
- 43-Medical name for the chest
- 45-Given in pledge
- 47-Always
- 49-Search for
- 50-Part of the mouth

VERTICAL (Cont.)

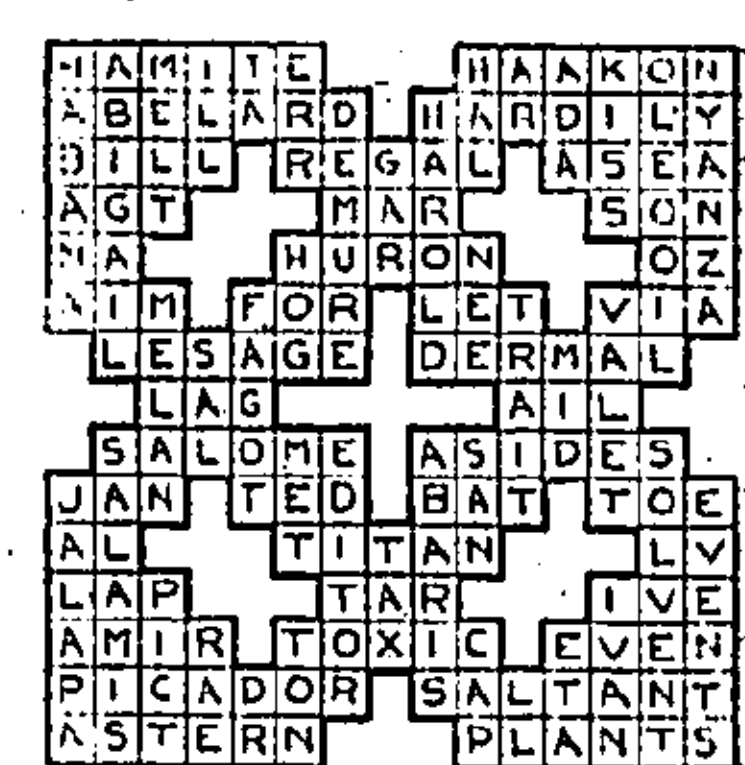
- 12-Egyptian sun-god
- 13-Heavy affliction
- 16-Bring to a cultivated state
- 18-Under
- 19-German republic
- 20-Withered
- 21-A spine
- 23-Whole quantity
- 24-Point
- 29-Furrow
- 32-Put on
- 34-Continuous pain
- 35-Period of time
- 36-Poisonous missile
- 38-Weapon
- 39-What prefix means "out of office"?
- 40-On high
- 41-Incautious
- 42-Prefix noting repetition
- 43-Piece of wit
- 48-Interjection. Stop

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and by in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, while starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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play. But it has changed in one respect only.

A few years ago, it was every woman's aim to have her hair look as much like every one else's as possible. She was content to look like all the others, and if she didn't she feared something was wrong. Today the smart woman's aim is to get as much individuality into her hair as possible. If it looks like every one else's she knows something is wrong. Every head has a character of its own. It is the object of the hairdresser to emphasize that character, to bring out and develop its best points, to flatter the owner as does the line of a well-built dress, the curve of the perfect hat.

Because of the new beauty it has brought to women—and have not artists of all ages admired the line of the unadorned head?—the shingle is deeply rooted in feminine favour. It is very much on the increase, for even the fearful few who have remained so long on the waiting list are flocking to the hairdresser's.

It will not go out of fashion until the slender figure gives way to the plump. And that, you say, will be never. Perhaps you are right, but the fact remains that short hair is as essential to the silhouette as the silhouette is to modern chic. It is peculiarly applicable to this age of sport.

There are definite fashions in

hair as in dress, and we have gone through many stages. At the moment the smartest shingle is longer and more curly than it was last season. Although simple lines are still observed, and the shape of the head always closely studied, a much more feminine aspect is now in vogue. One of the most charming of coiffures originated is the swirl where the hair is brushed smoothly across the head at the back, giving it a childish, rounded look. A few soft curls are now added at the back. But it still follows the contour of the head, emphasising its individuality. Partings are smart, and are worn usually on the blunt. This effect is younger and more characteristic.

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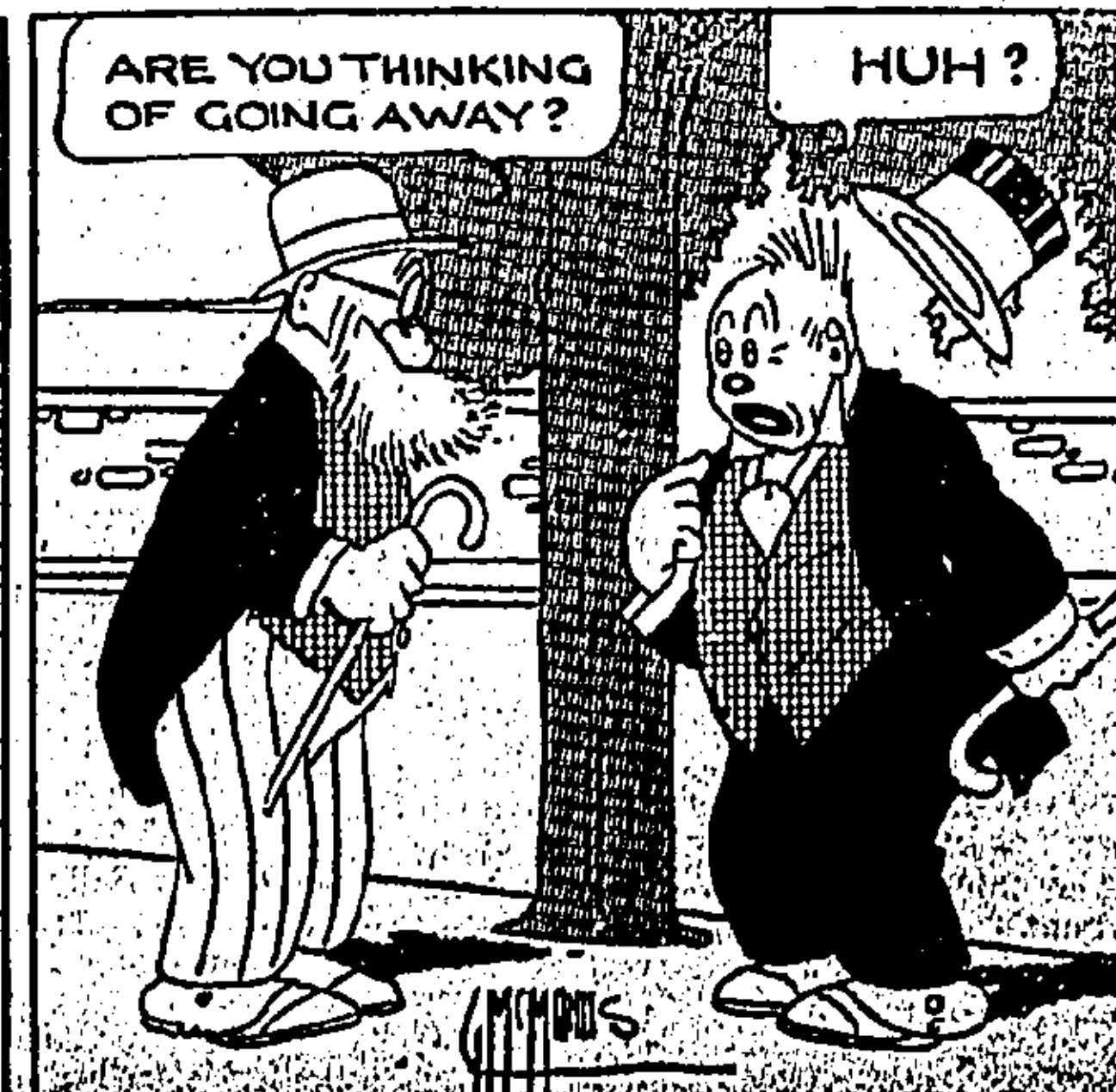
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BRINGING UP FATHER.

DISARMAMENT.

JAPANESE VIEWS
EXPOUNDED.
SPECIAL POSITION.

Tokyo, Nov. 30. [By Miles W. Vaughn, United Press Staff Correspondent.] Japan's attitude towards the proposed world disarmament conference of the League of Nations will be the same as was her attitude at the recent Three Power Naval Conference in Geneva, a Foreign Office spokesman told the United Press. The preparatory Disarmament Commission of the League will meet in Geneva, the spokesman said, and Japan will be represented by her regular representatives in the League of Nations. The chief work of the Preparatory Commission, it was explained, is to frame a programme for the proposed world disarmament conference which probably will be called for next year. With regard to the whole programme of disarmament the Japanese Government, and the whole people of the Empire, are solidly behind a reasonable proposal for disarmament, whether on land or sea, but the programme must be reasonable and must take into consideration the special position of Japan, especially Japan's paramount position with regard to Manchuria and Mongolia. The Foreign Office spokesman said. Premier Tanaka, it was indicated, is giving personal attention to the Japanese representatives on the Preparatory Commission, which convened in the League of Nations last to-day. These instructions, in general, the Foreign Office said, are to favour any "reasonable arms limitation programme."

The Premier returned from the all military manoeuvres at Nagoya November 20 and has given his personal attention to the disarmament question since that time, after a conference with naval heads and the army general staff. Himself a former soldier, and once considered one of Japan's leading military figures, General Tanaka now is described as in favour of arms limitation feeling that public opinion in Japan demands any reasonable steps which may be taken to lessen the Empire's armament taxation burden, without impairing national security.

"The whole question of disarmament, as far as this country is concerned, is a very delicate one," the Foreign Office spokesman said, and one which we will approach with care. I do not think the Japanese representatives will take a leading part in initiating proposals but we will give every proposition before the Preparatory Commission the most careful consideration."

Reminded that many observers consider Russia as Japan's potential enemy, the spokesman replied: "Our relations with Russia are most friendly and I can see no reason to believe that many observers profess to believe—that our interests in Manchuria are going to clash with those of Russia to any serious degree. I cannot, in fact, see that Japan has any 'potential enemy' anywhere. Our whole outlook seems decidedly peaceful."

One of the principal tasks of the preparatory Commission, when it convenes in Geneva, will be to appoint a special committee as provided in a resolution adopted by the League Assembly last September. This special committee, it is understood here, will define new guarantees of international security and propose what a League of Nations machinery should be created to give practical effect to Articles 15 and 16 of the League Covenant. France probably will insist that any process made by the Preparatory Commission towards setting up a disarmament programme must be conditional upon the progress made by a special committee towards the definition of new guarantees and practical enforcement, in case of need, of Articles 15 and 16 of the Covenant.

Britain and Germany, on the other hand, probably, will maintain that the tasks of the committees should not be conditional upon each other and that Preparatory Commission should not be delayed in its work as to keep pace with the work of the special committee.

So far the Japanese Government has not indicated the position this country with regard to this particular difference between the French and Anglo-German delegations, but it is believed here Japan will go slow before siding with either group, preferring to play a waiting game and see what course a general tendency of the League's disarmament efforts are likely to follow.

There has been no talk as yet as to whether Japan will be in the proposed world conference and no names are likely to be discussed until a definite date is set for the opening of the world meeting.

The Foreign Office expressed itself as delighted that Russia has accepted the League invitation to attend the disarmament parleys, as Russia is recognised as one of the main forces in the East.

MR. A. STROK.

STRIKES A SNAG IN
JAPAN.
HELD UP BY POLICE.

Tokyo, Nov. 24. Mr. A. Strok, well-known impresario in the Far East, and Efrim Zimbalist, the violinist, were barred from landing at Moji yesterday by the Japanese police because they could not produce ¥3,000 cash, according to a "Nippon Denpo" dispatch from Moji. They remained on board the O.S.K. vessel "Choko Maru" and will attempt to land at Kobe.

Both Strok and Zimbalist are Russians, and Japan requires that any Russian coming to this country must show ¥1,500 cash before he is allowed to land.

Mr. Strok protested vigorously, declaring that he could produce many times that amount in a short time, but the police would not allow them to land. The police were not familiar with Zimbalist's fame and did not know that he was due to appear in a series of concerts at the Imperial Theatre in Tokyo.

In the meantime the police asked for instructions from the Home Office as to the wisdom of allowing the two Russians to visit Japan. It is believed that arrangements will be made for them to land by the time the vessel reaches Kobe.

Mr. Strok, who lives in Shanghai, has been in Japan perhaps 50 times before, sometimes remaining several months at a time. He is well known to all patrons of arts for having brought to Japan such western artists as Helfer, Kreisler, John McCormack, Pavlowa and many others.

Zimbalist is accompanied by Louis Greenwald, his pianist. They will be guests at the home of Marquis Tokugawa when and if they are allowed to continue their journey to Tokyo.

ANDORRA'S PROTEST.

"COUNCIL-GENERAL OF THE
VALLEYS" SUMMONED.

Paris, Nov. 13th. Andorra is preparing a protest to France and Spain against the arrest of the schoolmaster at the direction of the Franco-Spanish authorities.

The "Council-General of the Valleys," which has not met for many years, has been summoned to meet in the picturesque village of "House in the Forest" to reconsider the case, on the ground that they cannot admit that any of their people should be judged by an outside tribunal.

[An earlier message stated:—Perpignan, Oct. 30.—A schoolmaster at Encamp, in the tiny Republic of Andorra, in the Pyrenees, was banished, following a domiciliary visit, which resulted in the discovery of arms and ammunition. It is understood that the papers seized showed that the school teacher had acted as an intermediary between Macia and the head of the Catalan movement at Catalonia.]

[The Republic of Andorra has a population of only 5,231 and an area of 131 square miles. The main drawback to the country's development is the poorness of communications. On the French side a motor road runs as far as Soldeu, and from the Spanish side a road from Seo de Urgel extends to Encamp, which is 5½ miles beyond Andorra la Vella, the capital.]

WAR MINISTER.

MORE DETAILS OF TOUR TO
INDIA.

London, Nov. 24. Farewelled by Viscount Inchcape and other prominent persons, the Secretary of State for War, Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, and party left Victoria Station this morning for India.

Interviewed by Reuter Sir Laming said that he was going straight to Quetta, where he would stay for a fortnight, motoring, where possible, to the different army stations.

He would go to Calcutta for Christmas, when he meant to take a week off and enjoy himself as much as he could.

He was looking forward to meeting Sir Stanley Jackson, and would be surprised if they did not get a round of golf together.

Afterwards, he would go to Delhi for a week or ten days, where he would hold a number of informal conferences with the army authorities.

Sir Laming thought that he would not have time to indulge in any big game hunting, but he hoped to get some shooting. He wanted to see something of the country.

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ANTI-SOVIET PLOT.

FORGED NOTES TO RUIN
CURRENCY.
RASPUTIN'S EX-SECRETARY.

London, Nov. 19. The confiscation of banknotes at Frankfurt unearthed a widespread plot, originating in Paris and spreading to Munich, to flood the market with forged Russian notes to finance a Caucasian anti-revolutionary movement and to ruin Soviet currency abroad. A network of agents supplied important capitals with the notes which were very clever imitations. The paper on which the notes were printed cost £900 and even the watermark was correct.

The plot necessitates the presence of British witnesses connected with the Shell Oil Company. The seizure of the letters of the Georgian plotter, Sadathier Schwill, disclosed the enormous stakes involved. Sadathier Schwill's friends, including the late General Hoffman, last year asked a British oil capitalist in London to finance a counter-revolution, spreading from Georgia throughout the Soviet, in consideration of concessions in the Caucasian oilfields.

The exorbitance of the British demands and the anti-revolutionaries' internal disagreements defeated the plan.

The arrest of a German millionaire, who, unknowingly, was passing the notes led to the apprehension of Dr. Weber, a German analytical chemist, Simonovich, Rasputin's ex-Secretary, and Nestor Ersitaw, a Georgian Prince. — "Ceylon Observer."

GENERAL DUMONT.

EXPECTED IN MANILA NEXT
WEEK.

The military authorities at Fort Santiago have been informed that General Dumont will arrive in Manila on December 22 aboard the "President Taft."

It will be remembered that this distinguished guest is the Military Attaché of France stationed at Washington. He is making a round-the-world tour and the duration of his visit to Manila is not known.

It is expected that General Dumont will be the recipient of honours and courtesies by Army representatives during his stay in Manila, says the "Manila Times."

FOUND DROWNED.

HARNETT "ACTED PERFECTLY
NORMALLY."

London, Nov. 14. A verdict of "found drowned" was returned at the inquest on the late Mr. Harnett. The Coroner said that the evidence showed that for the past four years the deceased had acted perfectly normally.

[An earlier message stated:—London, November 10.—Mr. W. S. Harnett, who was the central figure in the sensational three-year litigation undertaken with a view to establishing his sanity, after having escaped from an asylum, was found drowned at Poplar to-day.

Mr. Harnett's first action was started in 1923, in the King's Bench Division. The jury, after a hearing lasting 18 days, awarded him £25,000 damages for eight years' detention in asylums, against two doctors who had certified him to be insane. The Court of Appeal allowed the appeal of one doctor and ordered a new trial in the case of the other doctor. Mr. Harnett, in the Spring of last year, was awarded, by the King's Bench Division, £500 damages against the second doctor, but the Judge ruled that the Statute of Limitations applied to the case, and judgment was entered for the doctor. The Court of Appeal upheld this ruling and the House of Lords, some months ago, finally dismissed Mr. Harnett's appeal.]

SHANTUNG FAMINE.

INHABITANTS RUSHING TO
NORTHERN SECTIONS.

Nanking, Dec. 5. Famine is sweeping all over the province of Shantung and many of its inhabitants have emigrated to Manchuria, Mongolia and northern Siberia. It is reported that over 500,000 people have left the province to escape the famine. The reports add that over 33 cities and towns are in the grip of famine on account of the continuous fighting which has taken place in that province ever since last January.

The authorities at Peking are so engrossed in solving their war problems that they are unable to give attention to the famine victims.—National News Service.

P. I. FREEDOM.

DEMOCRAT FROM UTAH TO
SPONSOR BILL.
WHEN RULES PERMIT.

Washington, Dec. 4. Senator William H. King of Utah to-day told the United Press that a bill providing for Philippine independence, to be granted following the holding of a constitutional convention and negotiation of international treaties for neutralisation of the Philippines, will be introduced as soon as Senate rules permit after opening of Congress.

Senator Frank E. Willis, chairman of the Insular Affairs Committee, expressed the opinion that Democrats as well as Republicans will avoid the granting of independence to the Philippines if the United States is left actually responsible for Government in the Islands.—United Press.

History, Says Villamin.

Princeton, Dec. 4. Philippines independence is a subject which now belongs to political archaeology, Vincent Villamin, Filipino New York attorney, asserted in a speech here to-day.

"I believe that Senate President Quezon, who is directing the work for independence, ought to have a free field," continued Villamin, "so that he can soon discover that the lost city of Independence is beyond restoration."—United Press.

WAR EXPECTED.

REASON FOR LITVINOFF'S
OUTBURST.

Denver, Dec. 5. Speaking before the Young Men's Civic Forum here to-day, Karl A. Bickel, president of the United Press who has just returned to America from a trip around the world, said that Soviet Russia expects war within a few years.

The Soviet fears attack from Poland and possibly from France, Bickel said. This, he believed, accounted for Litvinoff's recent sweeping disarmament proposal voiced at Geneva.

The speaker declared, however, that above all things Russia wants peace, but fears the moneyed interests would strip her of her natural resources.—United Press.

USE OF OPIUM.

NEW BUREAU ISSUES
REGULATIONS.
MONTHLY TICKETS.

Peking, Nov. 29. Unity of action between North and South in the matter of "opium prohibition" is detected by local observers in the establishment of an Opium Prohibition Bureau and twenty-four branches in Peking and its suburbs. The head office of the Bureau was established at Hufangchiao outside Shunchinmen more than six months ago, but owing to its preoccupation with preparations it did not throw itself open to business until Sunday, when seven branches in the city and two in the suburbs were inaugurated at the same time.

To facilitate enforcement the city is divided into twenty districts, each with one branch office in charge. There are four branches in the four suburbs of the capital, and it is understood that this number will be increased if circumstances justify it.

Licences of the bureau are divided into five classes. A class licence is issued to hotels, apartment houses and disorderly houses only and cost applicants \$10 a month. B class licences cost \$5 a month and are issued to addicts below the age limit of forty. Fifty-year-old addicts are required to pay \$4 only for monthly licences of the third class grade. Opium smokers who are between 50 to 60 years old, are charged \$3 a month. The poor receive more favourable consideration, for they have to pay only \$2 for monthly licences of the last grade.

There are also monthly tickets for tourists. A whole set, consisting of 30 tickets, costs \$12. When one buys a set, he is entitled to smoke opium in his hotel or apartment house without let or hindrance from the police authorities.

It is stated that during the past few days the Central Bureau has received 300,000 ounces of anti-opium drugs for distribution among the local addicts. These sell for \$4 per ounce and are much in demand.

There are already indications that the opening of the bureau has given some impetus to the trade at Hsiangcheng, for a number of establishments which recently closed down owing to the continued business depression, are considering reopening and have applied to the bureau for licences of the A class.—"Kuo Wen."

AFTER 7 YEARS.

MURDER OF BRITISH
POLITICAL OFFICER.

Basra, Nov. 14. After seven years, the Sheikh Dhari, leader of the Zoba tribe in the Mosul region, who murdered Lieutenant-Colonel Leachman, the British Political Officer for the Desert, when visiting the tribes during the summer of 1920, has been arrested.

A motor driver recognised him as he drove to the office of the Qaimmaqam, where the Sheikh, it is reported, made a confession.

Lieutenant-Colonel Leachman, C.I.F., D.S.O., was killed at Khan Nukta, a station on the narrow gauge line of the railway between Bagdad on the Tigris and Feluja on the Euphrates on August 12, and was buried by his brother officers in the Feluja Camp on August 15. He was shot dead by Khamis, the eldest son of the Sheikh Dhari Ibn Mahmud, chief of the Zoba tribe on the orders of Dhari. Colonel Leachman's fearless courage and unflinching resources had endeared him to all his brother officers and made his name one to conjure with among the Arabs. After the war he was appointed Political Officer in the Mosul region and subsequently he became Political Officer of Dulaim Division, where he was in control of the Beduin Anazlah of the desert as well as of the seminomadic Dulaim and Zoba tribes. With the possible exception of Sir Percy Cox, no man was so well known on the Mesopotamian side of the Syrian Desert. The Zoba are among those who received most at the hands of the British Government. Their lands have been watered and settled cultivation has been made possible. Their treacherous chief has earned for the tribe undying dishonour.]

WOOD'S SUCCESSOR.

OBJECTION TO THE ACTING
GOVERNOR.

Washington, Dec. 5. The fixing of the salaries of the justices of the Philippine supreme court at \$10,000 a year, and that of the chief justice at \$10,500, was proposed in a bill introduced in Congress to-day by Representative Dyer, of Missouri.

Representative Grant M. Hudson, of Michigan, a member of the house insular affairs committee, said to-day that he had conferred with President Coolidge regarding a successor to the late Governor-General Wood of the Philippines.

Without disclosing whether he had recommended anyone, Representative Hudson said that he had registered an objection to Acting Governor-General Gilmore.

The representative expressed a preference for a non-military man.—Associated Press.

U. S. POLITICS.

AMERICA AND THE FAR
EAST.
FRICTION RIGHT AWAY.

Washington, Dec. 5. Problems bearing upon American relations with Far Eastern and European countries or otherwise possessing market interest for foreign bled largely on the calendar of the Seventieth United States Congress which convened on schedule at noon to-day.

Vice-President Charles G. Dawes presided over the Senate at its opening. William Tyler Page, Clerk of the House, presided in the lower chamber in place of Speaker Nicholas Longworth.

As chaplains of the Senate and House offered prayer, a distinguished and colorful throng had already assembled in the galleries to witness the opening ceremonies and watch for significant by-play among the members.

There was no delay in the anticipated start of warlike concerning Senators Smith and Vane, growing out of the bitter election fight and subsequent scandals in Illinois and Pennsylvania. Senator Deane of Illinois escorted Colonel Smith into the chamber and some senators shook his hand, but Smith did not participate in the general hand-shaking. The memory of last winter's experiences when the Senate refused to seat him and referred his case to committee still rankled.

Senator Vane of Pennsylvania was escorted into the Senate Chamber by Senator Reed. Vane offered to shake hands with Vane.

Most of the new Senators were escorted by their colleagues. However, Senator Brookhart was not accompanied by his bitter opponent, Steck, but was escorted by the Democratic Senator Stephens of Mississippi.

Immediately after the opening, Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska offered a resolution declaring that because of alleged corrupt use of money the election of Colonel Frank L. Smith of Illinois should not be seated.

Unanimous consent was then granted to Senator Charles Curtis of Kansas, Republican floor leader, who proposed that Senator Smith stand aside while the other Senators were sworn into office.

A similar resolution was offered when Senator Vane's name was called, but action on both was postponed until after President Coolidge's message has been read to-morrow, in order to save the President from any possible embarrassment.

President Coolidge is not at present expected to read his message in person.

Little controversy developed in the House of Representatives except that it was announced that the seat of Representative James Beck of Philadelphia would be challenged on the ground that Beck is not a resident of Philadelphia.—United Press.

WANTS DIVORCE.

WILSON'S SECRETARY IN
WAR TIME.

Versailles, Dec. 3. Confirmation was obtained here to-day of reports that Bainbridge Colby, President Wilson's wartime Secretary of State, has begun suit for divorce in the court here.

Paris, Dec. 5. Determined to halt the growing avalanche of divorces by Americans taking advantage of French divorce law, the Ministry of Justice to-day ordered the civil court at Versailles to hold up pending cases while the status of plaintiffs, with special attention to their length of residence in France and their reasons for being here, are ascertained.

The suit recently filed by Bainbridge Colby, Secretary of State under President Wilson and later the former President's law partner, is among those affected.—United Press.

U. S. NOMINATIONS.

COOLIDGE SENDS SELECTIONS
TO SENATE.

Washington, Dec. 6. The following nominations were sent to the Senate to-day by President Coolidge:

- To be Under-Secretary of State—Robert Olds, of Minnesota.
- To be Ambassador to Turkey—Joseph Grew, of New Hampshire.
- To be Ambassador to Mexico—Dwight Morrow, of New Jersey.
- To be Minister to Cuba—Noble Judah.
- To be Minister to Liberia—William Francis, of Minnesota.
- To be acting as Minister and Consul-General to Ethiopia—Addison Southard, of Kentucky.
- To be Commander of the U.S. Coast Guard for another term—Admiral Bullard.—United Press.

CHOLERA SPREADS.

AUTHORITIES IN INDIA
MANIFEST ALARM.

Karachi, Dec. 6. It is feared that cholera epidemic will spread to the whole of northern India and western Bengal, which are at present the localities most seriously affected.

Authorities are showing the situation with increased alarm.—United Press.



(1) S.S. "Beaverburn" taking the water. (2) Mrs. E. R. Pearce about to christen the "Beaverburn." With her is Captain Gullie (right), and Sir Geo. McLaren Brown in background. (3) S.S. "Beaverburn" sliding down the way.

The market growth of ocean trade between Great Britain and Canada via the St. Lawrence route has prompted the Canadian Pacific, in their building estimates for 1927-28, to augment their fleet of freight steamers with five modern twin-screw cargo vessels. The new ships will be of the "Beaver" class and will represent the highest type of express steamers to be used in maintaining a weekly service from London and continental ports, working strictly to schedule and ensuring definite arrival dates.

Three of these steamers have been launched, the "Beaverburn" on September 27, at Burnhamton, Scotland, and the "Beaverdale" the following day at Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, and the "Beaverford" on October 27. Launching of the remaining two ships was scheduled to take place shortly afterwards.

These five vessels constitute five of the ten ships under construction for the Canadian Pacific, the others being four 20,000-ton ocean passenger steamers of the "Duchess" class and the tenth, the "Princess Elaine", to be placed in the Pacific Coast service of the Company. The ten ships will comprise a total gross tonnage of 185,000 tons and will cost approximately \$25,000,000.

The new freighters will be operated out of Montreal, in summer, and Saint John, in winter, to London and Continental ports on a weekly service. Their speed will be 14 knots, maintained in all weather, and the voyage should be made in 5½ days. Normally the steamers will carry a deadweight of about 10,500 tons or a draft of 27 ft., but should the need arise, as much as 18,000 tons may be carried on the maximum load draft.

The principal dimensions and length of waterline, 512 ft., moulded beam, 61 ft. 6 ins., depth to upper deck, 40 ft. 6 ins., and gross tonnage, about 10,000.

By means of the "Beaverburn" and "Beaverdale" and sister ships, the speediest shipping of Canadian fruit and perishable farm produce, will be effected. Fruit picked in Ontario can be placed on the London breakfast table in 21 days or 13 days later in the case of fruit and vegetables from the British Columbia areas. The same rapidity of shipment will apply to cheese, ham, bacon and lard; to cereals, lumber, timber and manufactured articles. Modern refrigerating plants are required for ideal transportation of fruit and perishable produce, and such plants are a feature of the new cargo steamers.

They will give the Canadian shipper a highly efficient, economic service, rapid loading and unloading, cold storage, floating auction and elevator plant for grain, and—the biggest market in the world. Greater London with its 14,000,000 inhabitants, its voluminous barge service up and down the East Coast from York serves at least one-half the entire population of Great Britain and is continually growing, and continually clamoring for more and more overseas foodstuffs. The Canadian exporter will readily avail himself of the opportunities now afforded by the Canadian Pacific's new fleet of perfectly equipped vessels. From his orchard, dairy, farm or shed his produce will be shipped all the way by Canadian Pacific organization. It may truly be said that from the time his box, basket, or bale is packed, to the time it is displayed on the London market, it has been under the care of the Canadian Pacific.

COLORADO FOR THE STUD.

Lord Derby's Colorado left Stan- House for the Plan- tion Stud at Exning, near New- market, where the same owner's osivino is now standing.

Colorado, who is by Phalaris- nyon, won the Two Thousand miles, but was beaten by ronch in the Derby. This year, however, he beat Coronach in both a Princess of Wales Stakes at Sandown and the Eclipse Stakes at Epsom.

EAST AFRICA.

PERSONNEL OF COMMISSION ANNOUNCED.

TO LEAVE ON DECEMBER 22.

It was recently announced that the British Government had authorized the Secretary of State for the Colonies to send a Commission to Africa to investigate the possibility of securing more effective co-operation between the Government of the Eastern and Central African Dependencies and to make recommendations on this and cognate matters.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has now constituted the Commission as follows:

Sir Hilton Young (Chairman),
Sir Reginald Mait,
Sir George Schuster, and
Mr. J. H. Oldham.
Mr. H. F. Downie, of the Colonial Office, has been appointed Secretary.

Itinerary.
The Commission will leave England on December 22, and will travel via the Nile to Uganda, and thence to Kenya, Tanganyika, Zanzibar, Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia, visiting the chief centres and hearing the views of representatives of the different sections of the community.

The Commission will also visit Salisbury for the purpose of conferring with the Government of Southern Rhodesia.

It will return to England from Cape Town.

Colonel Walker, Secretary of the conference of East African Governors, will accompany the Commission on their tour through the East and Central African Dependencies, and will be associated with Mr. Downie, as the local Secretary to the Commission.

Committees' Careers.

Sir Hilton Young, who is a Conservative M.P., has been Financial Secretary to the Treasury and has served on Financial Missions for the British Government to India, Poland and Iraq.

He was Chairman of the recent Royal Commission on Indian Currency.

Sir Reginald Mait has occupied many important financial posts in connection with the Government of India, and was a member of the Commission on Indian Currency.

Sir George Schuster is Financial Secretary to the Sudan Government, and is Chairman of the Colonial Secretary on East African Loans.

Mr. Oldham is Secretary of the International Missionary Council, and is a member of the Advisory Committee at the Colonial Office on Native Education in Tropical Africa.

Not a Political Body.

Colonel Josiah Wedgwood (Labour) asked why the Opposition were not represented.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore said that this was not a political commission so much as an expert commission.

He pointed out that the Commission, which could not be enlarged, included a member of the Council of India and the ex-Adviser to the Sudan Government, while Sir Hilton Young's selection was due to his unique experience and knowledge of finance, on which the main question for the Commission devolved.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore said that in the event of the Commission devising a scheme for Federation the subject would receive further consideration from all concerned, including His Majesty's Government, who were of open mind on the main issue.

Colonel Wedgwood pressed the question as to why the Opposition were not represented, but the Speaker intervened.

FOREIGNER ROBBED.

MANAGER ASSAULTED BY PIRATES.

The Kiukiang, correspondent of the "N. C. Daily News" wrote on Nov. 21.

An extremely unpleasant incident has just occurred on the Poyang Lake, where Mr. Mead, the local manager of the Standard Oil Co., was attacked by bandits. He was on his way to Jaochow in a house-boat towed by a small motor boat. After leaving Chupao-shan five small native junks, each carrying some ten men armed with pistols, suddenly approached and opened fire on the crew of the motor boat.

The engineer was shot through the leg, but mercifully no one else was hit. The bandits then came alongside and boarded the house-boat. They seized the native boy and inspector and bound them and then they proceeded to beat Mr. Mead with bamboo poles, the white demanding to know where he had hidden his money.

They were told there was no money on board, at which they were very indignant and searched and looted the two craft thoroughly. They got away with a few dollars, some clothing and the foreigner's wrist watch and all his food. They then smashed the motor-boat's engine and threw it overboard.

The bandits looked like ordinary country people and were

BACK FROM CHINA.

TOMMY MAKES MERRY OVER IT.

SEES THE FUNNY SIDES.

The dock named after King George V. was all alive with pidgeons, English, parrots, canaries, and affectionate welcomes on the return of the last transport from China.

Four hundred men who have been guarding British lives and property in China were disembarking from the "Hermionus," and telling everyone within reach that they were very glad to be back.

"Not one piece of canary left in the old China," I heard a Scottish accent sing (writes an "Evening Standard" representative), while in the deepest Irish brogue another fellow was saying: "China all the same bad place, begorra. Much amellee, much muckee, all the time, bebad."

This was the first detachment of the Army reserve to arrive. It represented many units, and all were attached to the Camerons.

Welcome From the Womenfolk.
In the early days of the China trouble these men had left whatever work they were doing and rushed off to the help of their countrymen in the land of the Celestials.

Now they were back, and although many of them told me they had not the slightest idea where they were going to find work, they were just as excited about being in England again as were those with safe jobs awaiting them.

There was no official welcome. Tommy only gets that on special occasions, but it was made up for by the warmth of personal greetings. Wives, sisters, and sweethearts were on the quayside and sometimes there were curious encounters.

A braw fellow from Perthshire was met by two women and two babies. His lean bronze face was a study in wonderment. He knew that one of the infants was his because of a certain letter he had had out there, but which? Surely not both. He had been warned of no double event. Then the man's wife told him.

"This one," she said, "is yours and mine, Jack, and that one is your new little brother. Your mother's had a wean since you went away in February."

Jack's face cleared, and he kissed his own bairn and that bairn's baby uncle.

Do Not Like China.
All the boys were unanimous about one thing. They did not like China.

The verdict of one warrior was that the war in China was the "biggest comic opera you could set eyes on."

"They make up their armies as they go along. A general of a side pushes on into a section of the country that we should call a county, and the local boys rally round him."

"They pretend to be as keen as mustard for the time being, but as soon as they advance all the lads of the villages behind pack up and go home. They'll fight in their own parish, you might say, but they'll be blessed if they'll fight in somebody else's. So the army never gets very big, and the war never gets very far."

Place Called "Shuttlecock."
"Oh, yes, we very nearly did a bit of scrapping once. It was at a place which we called Shuttlecock, spelled Shua-Tua-Kok. It was just on the borders of a bit of our territory and a bit of theirs."

"The soldiers kept nipping over in the night and stealing anything they could lay hands on. We were called out. As soon as they saw us with fixed bayonets they ran like rabbits, and before you could say 'chop-chop,' all the trouble from that little spot of army was over."

Roll call sounded, and the men were marched off to the train waiting to take them to their depots, where they disbanded.

LAND INQUIRY.

CONTROL OF INDO-CHINA OIL GROUNDS.

Penang, Dec. 2.
Following a demand from M.M. Outrey and Angoulvant, M. Perrier has been heard by the Colonies Commission about the results of the inquiry conducted in Indo-China by the Richard Commission upon the conditions in which certain estates had been delivered in Darlac.

The Minister declared that he cannot make known the full text of the report by the inquiry commission because the document is at present before the convention committee of the Minister for the Colonies.

The Government will soon introduce a Bill prescribing the control of oils and their derivatives for import.

Obviously new at the game, otherwise all local Chinese believe the victims would have been carried off for ransom.

Some hours after a native launch happened to pass and agreed for a large consideration to tow the derelict house-boat and its outraged occupants back to Kiukiang.

"BIG BILL."

AN ORIGINAL CHICAGO FANTASIA.

"DOPED" HISTORY BOOKS.

It's a good story, but incredible. Once upon a time (from 1915-23 to be exact) there was a Mayor of Chicago named Big Bill Thompson. His Government was so bad and so corrupt that all the sensible men in the city combined to replace him by a sensible mayor, under whom the town waxed fat and prospered. But after four years Big Bill came back again. There were not enough sensible men. Big Bill told all the unfortunates—negroes, Italians, Germans, Poles, and Irishmen—that he was their only friend, and he told everyone a great many times that if he were elected he would "make the King of England keep his snoot out of America."

He was always shouting about "King George," but no one ever quite knew whether he meant that wicked ogre George III, who tried to enslave America one hundred and fifty years ago, or King George V., who, said the Mayor, was arranging that the youngsters of Chicago should only read "doped" history books. "Elect me," he told them all, "and I'll make King George in the snoot. He doesn't know a thing about Chicago."

After his election the Mayor is said to have declared that poor King George was so frightened by his success that "the Horse Guards had been doubled." Even the Horse Guards, however, were not to save King George's chief spy (his "stoopigee") Mr. McAndrew, Superintendent of Schools, from the righteous wrath of a really patriotic Mayor. So they tried Mr. McAndrew for "insubordination" and for having introduced British propaganda in the Chicago schools. By this they meant that the history text-books they used stated, maliciously enough, that King George III. was not alone responsible for the formation of the United States of America.

The Mayor had good evidence that such pro-British propaganda was continually at work. A Mr. Bausman gave evidence that the English were trying to place the "Union Jack" wherever now flies the Stars and Stripes, that Mr. Cecil Rhodes was paying American students to go to England so that the United States might again become "an integral part of the British Empire," that Dean Inge and other people (some of them Americans hiding their English origin) were trying to persuade Americans that England was weak, unarmed, and could not pay her debts; that there were English societies everywhere engaged on the same foul object—the conquest of America by British propaganda. It was a terrible indictment of some body though not of Mr. McAndrew. But the oddest thing about this story is that it is not a dream like "Alice in Wonderland" or an opera like "Trial by Jury," but true like the Scopes trial in Tennessee or the fact that Mr. Baldwin is still Prime Minister.

Food for laughter, clearly. "Something," as the New York "World" puts it, "which lies outside the pale of rational thought," something which cannot be discussed, commented upon, and weighed up by the methods of reason and logic. And yet a serious man in such a case might get weary of sarcasm and send for medical assistance. Easily done, were the Mayor and Mr. Bausman alone in their ailment. But unfortunately it is not so; thousands of "professional patriots," 99 per cent. pure, like the famous ivory soap, follow their choral leader in this most fantastic comic opera. Nor is the time unknown on this side of the ocean, though the words have been different and less laughter-provoking. It is so long ago that we've forgotten the time when

every waiter was a spy, every peacemaker a conspirator, and every apostle of sanity a traitor. No, the disease is human, not American, though, to be sure, it has been especially prevalent in the United States of late. We shall be fortunate if our own inoculation does not wear off before our doctors have found some more permanent remedy.—"Manchester Guardian."

Hope of a Loan.
"No doubt, however, you want to hear how I came to make the acquaintance of Princess Victoria. It came about in this way: Five months ago I was in Cologne, on my way to Antwerp, where I hoped to work my passage out to the Belgian Congo. When in Cologne I hit on the idea of looking up a distant relative in Bonn with the object of borrowing a few pounds from him. This relative of mine happens to be a frequent visitor to the palace of the princess, and took me with him to tea there."

"Invitations to play tennis soon followed, and a cordial friendship sprang up between the princess and myself. Then we became engaged. I am convinced that our marriage will be a most happy one, as there is a perfect understanding between us. We shall, of course, not live at Bonn. I want to take up a profession as soon as possible, because I wish to earn my own living."—Ex.

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"DOWN AND OUT."

RUSSIAN WHO WED KAISER'S SISTER.

HIS OWN STORY.

Alexander Zoubkoff, a young Russian, who recently married Princess Victoria, the sixty-one-year-old sister of the ex-Kaiser, has written to a Berlin evening newspaper a romantic story of his life and adventures.

"I am," he said, "by no means the green and callow youth that the newspapers have made me out to be. Sorry as I am to have to disappoint the public on this score, I must own that I am not a mere stripling of twenty-three, but have already reached the mature age of twenty-seven."

"I was born not far from Moscow, at Ikonovo, where my father owned a cloth factory. I left the weaving stool and studied medicine at the University of Moscow, but the revolution upset everything, and in 1921 I had to flee for my life. I managed to escape first to Riga, and then to Upsala, in Sweden, where relatives of my mother, who was a Swede, came to my assistance. I had a job there for a time as a commercial traveler."

"Unpleasant Jobs."
"Circumstances forced me later to leave Sweden. I then signed on as an ordinary seaman in a Finnish tramp steamer. Here I had a monopoly of the dirtiest and most unpleasant jobs on board."

"After three years of life at sea in 1927 found me stranded in Berlin. Many a night I had to spend shivering in railway station waiting-rooms or in a Salvation Army shelter. I thought myself lucky when at last I secured a job as washer-up in a Berlin restaurant for 3s. a day and my food."

"Don't imagine that I am in the least ashamed of having been so hard up," said Zoubkoff. "At one time I had the luck to obtain a part as a film super which brought me in as much as 5s. a day."

"One calling I cannot claim to have followed is that of a professional dancer, a way of earning my living which has been foisted on me by the German newspapers. As a matter of fact, I am a shockingly bad dancer, greatly to the disappointment of the princess, who simply adores dancing."

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ORDERED OFF.

FOOTBALL CAPTAIN'S RIGHTS.

REFEREE'S CONSENT.

Much interest has been created in football circles by the report in "The Daily Mail" of an official protest by a referee against a captain for ordering one of his men off the field for alleged foul play.

The case came before the North Riding Football Association, who took no action. The player concerned had been reported for leaving the field without permission.

A note to Rule 43 of the Football Association states: "Any player leaving the field during the progress of a game (except through accident) without the consent of the referee will be deemed guilty of misconduct."

"Beyond His Powers."
Mr. F. J. Wall, secretary of the Football Association, said to a reporter that it was obvious the captain had gone beyond his powers. Mr. John Bowman, a former league club manager, and now chairman of the Middlesex Society of Association Referees, said:

"Of course, we know the referee is the sole judge of those matters, but my experience is that if a captain goes to a referee with a complaint against any particular player, the official is always ready to assist him."

Mr. H. Bamlett, manager of the Manchester United Club, said: "A captain has every right to order a man off, but the referee ought to be notified."

"QUIT STALLING."

CHINESE NAVY MAY FIGHT REAL BATTLE YET.

"Quit stalling! Get in and fight!" was the gist of a message despatched a few days ago by Admiral Yang Sz-chwang, high commander of the Tsingtao Squadron, to the commander of the cruiser "Hai Chi," flagship of the fleet, well known for its frequent visits to Woosung on official business.

Admiral Yang, it appears, has heard some of the whispers abroad to the effect that his sailors are cowards, who are afraid to fight. The various visits of the "Hai Chi" and sister ships of the Tsingtao Fleet have more than borne out this assumption. The "tap-and-run" tactics of the Northern vessels have created bursts of laughter among their enemies, particularly the personnel of the Woosung Forts which have been the chief target of the Northerners.

Admiral Yang objects to this belief gaining further ground. He disclaims responsibility for his warships sailing into Woosung under cover of merchant ships, discharging a few shells in the direction of where the Forts are believed to be, occasionally setting fire to a village of harmless inhabitants behind, then turning tail and running to cover behind the small islands opposite.

He firmly believes that if his navy could only come to grips with the Nationalist warships or the Woosung "forts," they could give an account of themselves which would make Chinese naval history. His men have been properly trained, he states, and only require a little practice—like blowing up the Woosung Forts—in order to make the whole Nationalist Navy seek the shelter of the Grand Canal.

He has, therefore issued an order that they go in and fight, according to the Chinese press. There is only one drawback to the plan. Admiral Yang will not command his navy when it goes into action. He issued his orders from Foochow!

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THE PHILIPPINES.

REFERENCES IN COOLIDGE'S MESSAGE.

CONTENT AND GOOD ORDER.

Washington, Dec. 6.—In his Message to Congress President Coolidge said:

"Conditions in the Philippines have been steadily improving. 'Content and good order prevail. 'Roads, irrigation works, harbour improvements and public buildings are being constructed."

"Public education and sanitation have been advanced."

"The Government is in a sound financial condition."

"These immediate results were especially due to the administration of Governor-General Leonard Wood. The six years of his Governorship marked a distinct improvement in the Islands and rank as one of the outstanding accomplishments of this distinguished man. His death is a loss to the nations and the Islands. 'Greater progress could be made and more efficiency could be put into administration if the Congress would undertake to expend, through its appropriation power, all or a part of the customs revenues which are now turned over to the Philippine treasury."

"The powers of the auditor of the Islands also need revision and clarification."

"The Government of the Islands is about ninety-eight per cent. in the hands of Filipinos. An extension of the policy of self-government will be hastened by the demonstration on their part of their desire and their ability to carry out cordially and efficiently the provisions of the Organic Act enacted by the Congress for the government of the Islands."

"It would be well for a committee of the Congress to visit the Islands every two years."—United Press.

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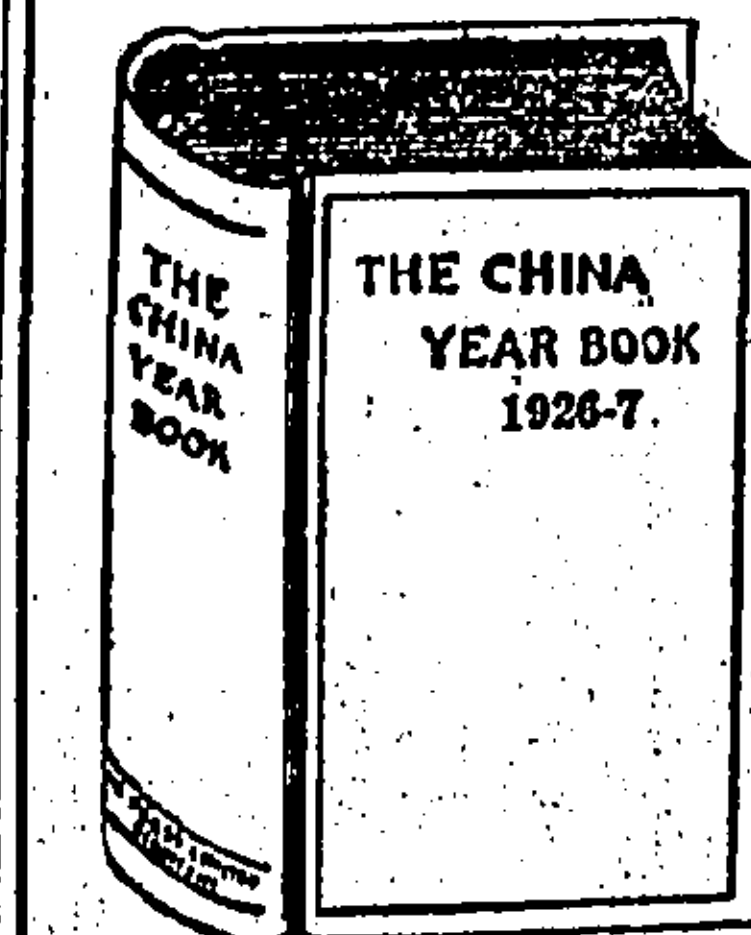
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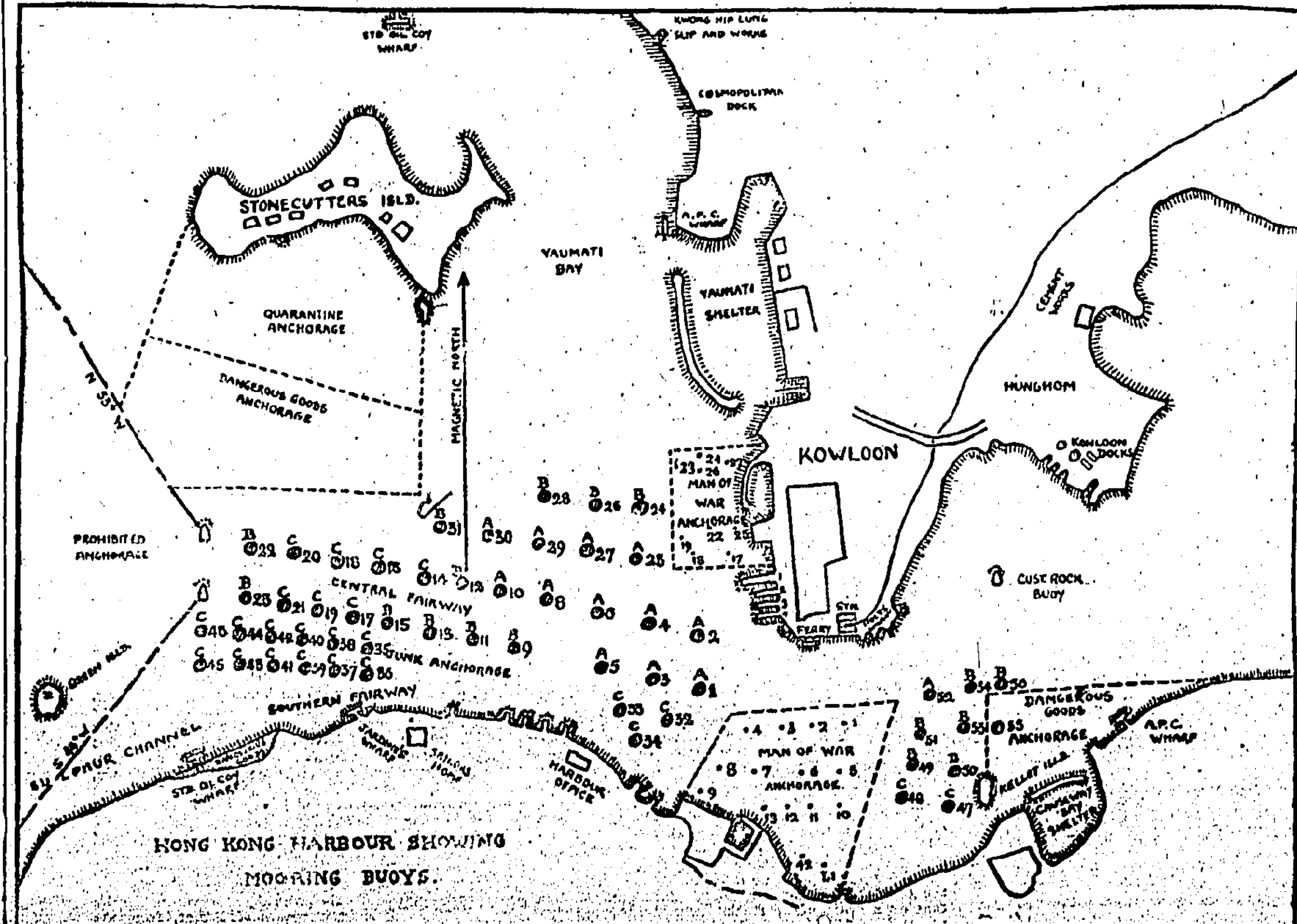
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EX TERRITORIALITY.

POSITION IN MANCHURIA
DESCRIBED.
ABOLITION BY STAGES.

Dr. Minoru Maeda, writes in the Diplomatic Review:—
During my short stay in Manchuria and Northern China, I noticed that the Chinese, official and private, are anxious to have consular courts abolished. Their zeal has, perhaps, arisen from their nationalist awakening. They know that they are behind other nations in this respect, and that they have been subject to consular courts for 80 years. Before the Sino-Japanese war, Japan was not granted extraterritoriality in China. Japan opened her doors to international relations several decades after China did and was embarrassed by unequal rights till 1896. Japan recovered her national rights in that year, but extraterritoriality is still in force on the continent. An international commission in Peking set about its abolition in January last year, but without avail. Turkey, Siam, Syria and some other nations of Asia succeeded in removing extraterritoriality and unequal treaties, but China has dropped behind. Naturally the sense of disgrace roused the Chinese to action.

Start With Manchuria.

The Sino-Japanese negotiations in Peking for the revision of the treaty of commerce stimulated the ardour of the Chinese in the Three Eastern Provinces, at which the representatives of the party arranged that the elimination of extraterritoriality or consular courts should form a subject of discussion, but uniform abolition throughout China is impracticable in view of ceaseless disturbances. Hence a plan for the Three Eastern Provinces first was proposed. Such a process has a precedent in Siam, from which France, Denmark and Italy withdrew their consular courts, except in some localities or provinces.

What struck me most is the earnestness in Manchuria for the improvement of law courts and prison houses, their object being the successful abolition of extraterritoriality.
For all my scanty knowledge of law, I visited local and high law courts and ascertained that China had attained fair progress in this field. Referring to social work, such as care for released convicts, women in shameful occupations and orphans, the provisions are not sufficient, but they were well looked after. This is a promising feature for China, though she wants technical advice. Let the Mukden authorities be observant of good faith, whole hearted, and loyal to their duties and the elimination of extraterritoriality is hopeful. Whatever the reason for foreign management of juridical affairs may be, extraterritoriality is unjustifiable. It is a disgrace to China and interferes with her sovereign power. The system went beyond its proper limits, because the Powers grasped police power and they wrongly

used extraterritoriality to exempt their nationals from tax duties.

Gradual Change.

Turkey, Siam, Syria, Palestine and some other nations have recovered their juridical rights by gradual processes. China made a treaty with Bolivia in 1919, by which Bolivia is refused extraterritoriality. Persia, Germany, Austria and Russia also relinquished their consular courts in China by treaties. This is an example that other nations should magnanimously accept. I firmly believe that my compatriots who underwent bitter experiences themselves are morally bound to assist our neighbours in their movement.

In appearance, methods of abolishing extraterritoriality are simple enough, but in reality this is not so, because mixed residence is incidental to abolition, and for-



Eighteen months ago a boy at a Southern District school in England was reading about kings and princes, and wondering what they spoke like, how they acted in private life and how he would feel in the presence of Royalty. Now this young lad knows many things about such people, for he can sign himself "Ernest Read, bell boy to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, 22 College Street, Southampton."

Ernie was the ever-patient listener for the bell-call from the Prince's suite on board the Canadian Pacific Empress of Scotland, which carried His Royal Highness and his brother Prince George home to England after their recent tour of Canada, accompanied by the Rt. Hon. Stanley Borden, Premier of Great Britain.

"Just like an ordinary passenger, only much nicer than most," is how Ernie summed up his impressions of the Heir-Apparent. "He was not half as much trouble as a lot of passengers are," he added.

This is the bell-boy's story: "I was specially selected for the job when we were on the outward trip, and you can imagine how 'bucked' I was, and how the other boys envied me. I had to stand-by from eight o'clock in the morning until nine o'clock at night listening for the Prince's bell. When it rang I had to get the steward to come and attend to what the Prince wanted. If the steward was not there I had to do the job.

"The Prince often spoke to me, and was always kind. He asked me if I intended to stop at sea, and what I wanted to be. I told him that I was going to stop, and wanted to rise to a first or second steward. He wished me luck."

signers will then be permitted to manage enterprises wherever they like. On the conclusion of the 1896 treaties, Japan did away with extraterritoriality and permitted foreigners to mingle with her subjects. At that time conservatives were apprehensive of danger to independence consequent upon growing numbers of foreigners, but this proved a groundless fear. Such a contention will also be the case in China when she grants foreign nations mixed residence.

The removal of consular courts implies the restoration of juridical rights to China, and she is free to appoint who ever may be properly qualified as judges, but the system must be completed by steady and gradual process. Now the question is how to reform and operate the judicial system. If it becomes satisfactory to assure the safety of foreign residents in the Three Eastern Provinces, a way will be prepared for the complete abolition of extraterritoriality all over China, but this will take a long time. As an amateur, I am of opinion, that the juridical system of the Three Eastern Provinces requires considerable alterations. The status of the judiciary must be made secure and civil courts will have to be made distinct from courts martial. These are few instances.

Guarantees.

For these reasons foreign nations must have some guarantees for their safety on certain conditions. Great Britain acceded to the elimination of extraterritoriality in Siam on the understanding that the law courts of that nation should employ British judges. Japan and the United States complied with Siam's request on condition that suits should be transferred to their consuls when they thought that examination was not satisfactory. Turkey abolished the capitulations in exchange for the employment of foreign legal advisers, who should not be empowered to meddle in the duties of the Turkish judiciary but are given authority to inspect the operation of the juridical system, to give advice to the Ministry of Justice and to present themselves at meetings of legislative commissions. The Chinese may be averse from such processes, yet these are necessary formalities for the gradual reform of their juridical system, and they had better follow suit.

The abolition of extraterritoriality in the Three Eastern Provinces is the first step, the final object being all China. The Chinese may realize after deliberate consideration that gradual evolution does not hamper the execution of their plan. Anxious as I am to see speedy removal prove advantageous to the Three Eastern Provinces, yet gradual processes appear to be a necessity beyond control.—Japan Advertiser.

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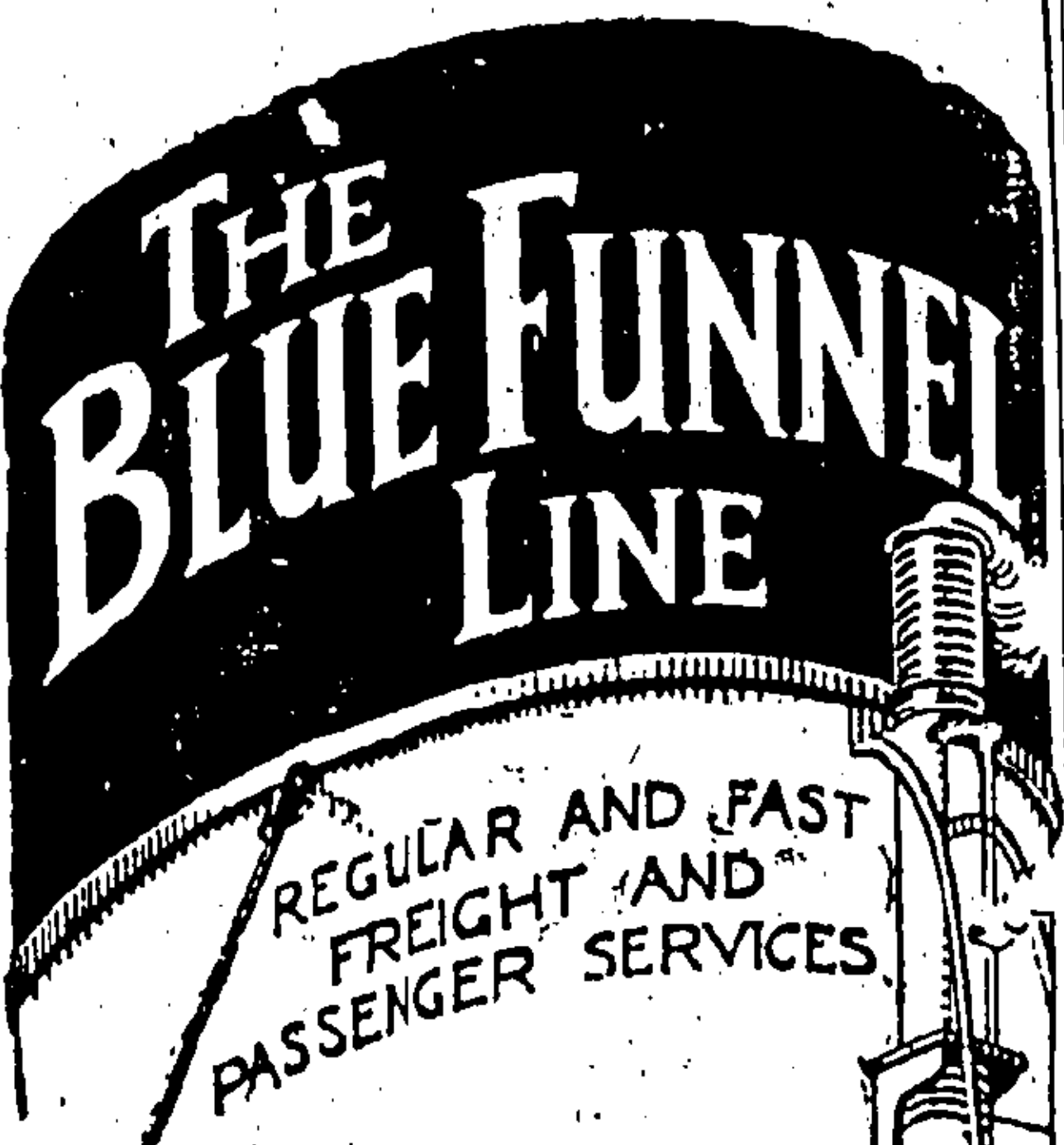
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INDUSTRIAL WAR.

Chemical Interests At
Loggerheads.

A GERMAN THREAT.

Negotiations For European Cartel
Broken Down.

London, Yesterday.
The "Evening Standard" states that negotiations for the formation of a European chemical cartel have broken down. It is understood the German Dye Trust demanded the leadership of the cartel, while Imperial Chemical Industries stuck out for terms of absolute equality. Negotiations with other foreign countries have also been dropped.

It appears the German group, which is supreme in dyestuffs as the British are in heavy alkalis and heavy chemicals generally, had threatened to cut the prices of all dye stuff markets and swamp British production in order to force an agreement, but the British replied they were able to cut the prices of the artificial fertilisers throughout the market world approximately a sovereign a ton below the German price without losing money.—Reuter.

THE PRAYER BOOK.

DEBATE IN HOUSE OF
LORDS.

ARCHBISHOP'S ADDRESS.

London, Yesterday.
The House of Lords was crowded throughout yesterday's session when the three days' debate on the new prayer book of the Church of England was begun. The Archbishop of Canterbury, in moving that the prayer book measure be presented for the Royal assent, spoke for an hour and a quarter. He said the measure was an answer to charges of indiscipline within the Church which had been anxiously examined for twenty-one years. He declared that the new proposals contained no departure from the principal of the reformation. Change was necessary because a bishop, accused of allowing indiscipline, found that their rules for discipline were the antiquated formulae of 1662 when the present prayer book was authorised.

The proposed changes, upon which every section of representative opinion had been canvassed, were passed by an overwhelming episcopal, clerical and lay majority in the Church Assembly. The verdict was confirmed by 80 per cent. of the diocesan conferences. The measure, therefore, had not only been carefully considered but was authoritatively approved by lay churchmen. Without departing from doctrinal tradition of the Church of England it gave greater elasticity to meet modern conditions. Clergy would be allowed great liberty in phraseology of the divine service for example, in praying for institutions formed later than 1662. They would be able to meet modern spiritual requirements such as the offering up of prayers for the departed and the laying of emphasis upon New Testament rather than Old Testament scripture and conceding of its proper part to devotionism.

The old and revised prayer book might quite consistently be used in the same parish. Both were sound English and reformed in their character.

Lord Hansworth, the Master of the Rolls, leads the opposition to the measure. The debate will be continued this afternoon.—British Wireless Service.

LIEUT. KNOWLES.

BRITISH LEGATION OFFICER,
MISSING.

GRAVE FEARS.

London, Yesterday.
The Governor of Shanxi, Yen Shih-shan, has informed the British Authorities in Peking that despite careful inquiries no trace has been found in the province of Lieutenant Knowles of the British Legation Guards, who has been missing since October when he proceeded westward on a fortnight's walking tour. He was last heard of in the middle of November, when he stayed for a few days in a Trappist monastery. The gravest fears are entertained as to his fate.—British Wireless Service.

MANAGER JAILED.

Criminal Breach at
Singapore.

FIRM'S KINDNESS.

Counsel's Eloquent Plea For
Mercy.

Singapore, Dec. 6.
The case in which H. H. Madill, manager of Moutrie and Co., Singapore, was remanded on Saturday on three charges of criminal breach of trust as a servant in respect of \$2,000 on June 21, 1927, \$1,000 on Sept. 7, 1927, and \$1,774.06 on Nov. 15, 1927, was called before the District Judge, Mr. N. D. Mudie, this morning.

The prisoner pleaded guilty on all three charges, and was sentenced to six months rigorous imprisonment on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently.

Mr. J. C. Cobbett, counsel for Moutrie and Co., stated in answer to the Court that there was nothing much to say. The charges were plain. The first two items referred to portions of sums which were paid into the firm by customers. A part went into the firm, and a part did not. The last item was a shortage of cash.

Counsel believed that there were also three pianos missing from stock, but no charge had been made in respect of that.

In reply to the Court, Mr. Cobbett stated that the total in respect of which the prisoner was charged was \$4,774.06. The pianos represented a sum of another \$1,500.

Domestic Trouble.

Mr. V. D. Knowles, appearing on behalf of the accused, stated that there had been no suggestion that this was a case of "extravagant living." The accused got married, and had been put to much expense over his wife's ill-health.

"In addition to that," proceeded counsel, "my client had trouble at

TURNING FINE.

"North-east winds, moderate, fine," is the official weather forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone has weakened. It is now central near Tokyo. Fresh to moderate monsoon may be expected over the China Sea.

home. He was sending money to his people in Canada—he is a Canadian—and difficulties there pressed on him here."

The firm had been very kind, counsel continued. The accused had made a complete disclosure and told them he was unable to pay.

But there was in the firm what was known as a superannuation fund, and from this the firm's loss had been in great part reimbursed, leaving only a small balance.

"Since my client has been in prison he has been so unfortunate as to receive a letter from Canada that his mother is dying. I ask the Court to take that into consideration, and the fact that his business life here has ended, and bind him over, as was done in a previous case. He was had to send his wife to Canada, and will have to begin life afresh in that country."

"The fact that his mother is dying has really nothing to do with the case, but it is a circumstance which might be taken into consideration, with the fact that his business career here has ended, and that he has been the victim of an unfortunate chain of circumstances."

The District Judge remarked that the previous case to which counsel referred was that of a 21 years old boy and that the money had been paid.

Due For Leave.

Mr. Knowles' Madill has been out here three years now and would have been due for his leave soon. His difficulties arose through his getting married and his wife falling ill. And Singapore is a place where a man cannot live below a certain level. This is not a case of extravagance; he had to have the money at the moment, and took it

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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 7/16

HUGE FIRE SCARE.

Liverpool in Grave
Danger.

RIVER OF PETROL.

Oil Tanker Breaks Back And
Releases Tons of Spirit.

Liverpool, Yesterday.
There was a grave danger of a great fire when an oiltanker broke her back in the Mersey a mile from the landing stage at Liverpool. Eight thousand tons of petrol were released late this evening the spirit floating towards Liverpool. Police were mobilised to patrol the banks of the river to prevent people throwing lights in the water.

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The troopship "California" with 1,200 troops aboard is being towed from the landing stage out of a danger into the river.—Reuter.

THE DUTCH INDIES.

OFFICIAL NOTE ON
DISORDERS.

A NATIONALIST MOVEMENT.

The Hague, Yesterday.

In a memorandum on the colonial estimates M. Koningsberger, the Minister for the Colonies, dealing with the disorders in the Dutch Indies, says the Government's efforts will continue to be directed towards leading the native nationalist movement into the right channels and hopes the leaders of the movement will abandon the unfruitful idea of non-co-operation.

He agrees that energetic action should be taken against disorders, but the cause of revolutionary disturbances, so far as it is due to the shortcomings of the government or, just grievances of the population, shall be removed.

The Dutch Indian Government has followed this policy both before and after the late disturbances and the Government will not allow itself to be in anywise deterred from meeting the wishes of the native intellectuals in accommodating this spirit.

M. Koningsberger is convinced that the character and methods of the present Governor-General will cause confidence to grow and find a correct way for the direction of a rapprochement. The Minister fully agrees with the recommendations of the Chamber that the path of duty shall be calmly followed and that the Government will act energetically, but not with unnecessary severity.

A Bill will be sent to the Volksraad, providing an amendment in the Dutch Indies constitution, inter alia with the object of enabling the inclusion of native members of Council.

The Dutch Indies Minister emphasises that the Government believe they will be able to control the situation.—Reuter.

In the hope of being able to pay it back.

The balance remaining is not a large one. Of course the fact that it has been in large part reimbursed by this fund does not mitigate the offence. But the fact remains that there is only a small balance remaining, and there is no suggestion of deliberate fraud.

District Judge: It is a case of deliberate fraud, I am afraid.
Mr. Knowles: What I mean is that it is not a case where the accused has been living extravagantly and has taken the money to enable him to do that.

The District Judge: I am afraid I cannot regard this case in the same light as that to which you have referred. I appreciate what counsel has said. At the same time I think a small sentence would better meet the case.

I sentence accused to six months rigorous imprisonment on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently.

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